

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Andy Boswell for
laudable service in the area of cancer research.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as scholars and scientists of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Andy Boswell, who is a chemist currently devoting his time and energy to searching for ways and means to treat patients ill with cancer; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work as a doctoral student in bio-organic chemistry at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, Andy Boswell conducts research pertaining to the treatment of diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boswell has aspired to improving the world through science and knowledge since he was a very young child; and

WHEREAS, he is an alumnus of Baxter's Upperman High School in Putnam County, where he graduated as salutatorian; and

WHEREAS, it was through the astute guidance of his high school chemistry teacher, Tommie Thackston, that he first discovered how he might use his natural passion for science to help others; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thackston said of Mr. Boswell, "I am not at all surprised that he has gone on to try and make a difference in the world"; and

WHEREAS, Andy Boswell showed himself to be a student of great merit while pursuing his bachelor's degree at Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of Dr. Scott Northrup, who Mr. Boswell says "was quite influential in [his] decision to enter a career in research," Andy Boswell achieved numerous awards and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, he was presented with yearly academic scholarships while a student at Tennessee Technological University, and the university awarded him with various teaching assistantships in upper division chemistry training courses; and

WHEREAS, while an undergraduate student, he published numerous journal articles and participated in successful research fund grant writing projects; and

WHEREAS, Andy Boswell has spent summer semesters conducting research in educational programs sponsored by the United States Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boswell has also worked to clean up waste and refuse remaining from past nuclear weapons research; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boswell epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; his goals are to pursue a career in pharmaceutical research and to further his efforts to help those ill with cancer and other diseases through biochemistry; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Andy Boswell for his dedication and excellence in his chosen field of endeavor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Andy Boswell for his meritorious service to this state and nation through his innovative endeavors in cancer research and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.