

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 66
By Ridgeway

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dylan Ray Burnette for
bravery and courage in seeking aid for his
mother and brother.

WHEREAS, the strength of our nation is based upon the strong bonds forged within our families and the sense of responsibility developed among family members; and

WHEREAS, the affection and concern of family members for one another has often been the basis for extraordinary acts of courage during times of adversity; and

WHEREAS, Dylan Ray Burnette of Henry, Tennessee, the son of Michael Burnette and the late Laura Burnette, is a fine example of the inner courage and persistence nurtured in the homes of families in this state; and

WHEREAS, five-year-old Dylan was the sole survivor of a tragic automobile accident when the car, which his mother Laura was driving and in which Dylan and his nine-year-old brother Tad Michael Marr were passengers, hit a patch of ice and struck a tree; and

WHEREAS, Dylan was able to crawl out of the wrecked vehicle and was discovered walking down the road to summon help for his mother and brother, even though injured himself; although his mother and Tad were beyond help, Dylan's courageous efforts are a testimony to the best qualities of Tennessee families; and

WHEREAS, Dylan was born on April 20, 1995; in addition to his father, he enjoys the love and affection of his grandparents Tommy and Shirley Conrad, Dale and Janice Brewer, and Ray and Mitzi Burnette, as well as his great-grandparents Mary Jo Miller, Mable Tyler and Elizabeth Burnette; and

WHEREAS, Dylan, who attends kindergarten at Henry School, plays CAPS Basketball for AmSouth Bank at the old Atkins Porter School; his many friends, teachers and schoolmates are another source of strength and support; and

WHEREAS, Dylan's brother, Tad, played for Smokey's Dog House on the 9-year old basketball team; Tad's number "13" will be displayed in his memory at the old Central CAPS Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly join with Dylan's family and many friends in expressing their great affection for him and deep appreciation of his bravery and inner strength; we are confident that if his mother and brother could speak to him now, they would tell him of their great love for him and pride in his actions; 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 Dylan Ray Burnette of Henry for his unbowing resolve, great courage and strength of character in seeking help for his family members and wish all the very best for him in the years to come.

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