

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 971
By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to commend Steven Michael Jeffers for his exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Steven Michael Jeffers is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Jerry Cooper; Steven's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Belmont University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Steven has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science, minoring in History, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the son of Tim and Shelley Jeffers, Steven graduated from Big Rapids High School in Michigan and attended Ferris State University in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeffers transferred to Belmont University from Ferris State University after deciding he wanted to major in Political Science; he hopes to attend the University of Michigan Law School and pursue a career in the practice of law; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and many talents to numerous noteworthy organizations and activities, Mr. Jeffers served as a member of the Music Industry Management Association at Ferris State University; and

WHEREAS, a tireless worker and diligent professional, Steven Jeffers has worked as a server at Big Boys restaurant, a student worker at Ferris State University, and a cook at A & W's; he currently works as a cashier with Harris Teeter; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Steven Jeffers brought his many

abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2006 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Steven Jeffers has distinguished himself as Senator Cooper's loyal and efficient Legislative Aide; Senator Cooper could not have made it through this grueling Legislative Session without Steven's expert help and advice; and

WHEREAS, Steven was very cognizant of the needs of his immediate supervisor, Christina Barber, and he cheerfully made frequent "chocolate runs" to keep peace and harmony in the office; he was also very good at doing special "Subway" runs when the need arose, especially on nerve-racking Committee days; and

WHEREAS, Steven has been a hardworking, dedicated assistant and a vital part of Senator Cooper's staff; Steven's good nature and indomitable spirit has garnered him the respect of his fellow staff members and legislators; and

WHEREAS, Steven has performed his duties with great skill, illustrating intelligence, creativity, and initiative; he did a superb job of lining up lobbyists and constituents, while maintaining proper crowd control; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2006 legislative session, Mr. Jeffers has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Steven Jeffers has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Steven Michael Jeffers for his outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Jerry Cooper 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.