

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1328

By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to commend Caryn Ivy Sykes for 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, Caryn Ivy Sykes is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Chairman Les Winningham and the House Education Committee; Caryn's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, hailing from beautiful Gray, Tennessee, Caryn Sykes proudly served her country as a member of the United States Air Force, reaching the rank of E3, Airman First Class, as she followed in the footsteps of her father, retired U.S. Army veteran Michael Wayne Sykes; and

WHEREAS, a senior at East Tennessee State University with a prospective graduation date of December 2008, Caryn has achieved academic success while majoring in Criminal Justice and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, quite an accomplished young woman, Ms. Sykes holds an Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice as a *summa cum laude* graduate of Northeast State Community College and is a student of Shaloin Kung Fu under the direction of Elder Master Garry Mullins; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Sykes brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2008 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, assigned to Chairman Les Winningham and the House Education Committee, Caryn was quickly exposed to the voluminous workload, complex issues, and contentious debate of democracy in action; and

WHEREAS, rising to the occasion with confidence and clarity, Caryn's attention to detail, calm efficiency, and hard work enabled the House Education Committee to avoid failure as it completed its assigned mission; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2008 legislative session, Caryn Sykes has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern, leaving little doubt that she will obtain her goal of completing law school and becoming a member of the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, a favorite among her fellow interns, Caryn Sykes was honored by her peers as "Biggest Democrat" of the 2008 Class of Interns; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sykes enjoys the love and support of her wonderful grandmother, Mary Etta Bowlin, who sacrificed much while raising young Caryn, as well as her loving sisters, Samantha Crawford, Kelly Thompson, treasured nephew and nieces, Hunter Crawford, Karlie Thompson, and Riley Thompson, and beloved friend, the late John Mark Keesecker; and

WHEREAS, Caryn has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Caryn Ivy Sykes for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Chairman Les Winningham and the membership and staff of the House Education Committee, extending to her our best wishes for every success in all her future endeavors.

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