

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 665

By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to congratulate and honor the University of Tennessee College of Law's Legal Clinic on its sixtieth anniversary of teaching students the practice of law and its continuing service to the Tennessee legal community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens and organizations that, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of which we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is the University of Tennessee College of Law's Legal Clinic, which is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary of serving the citizens of Tennessee by offering its law students an opportunity to practically apply the legal skills they learn in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Law has a long and exemplary tradition of training individuals in the practice of law and in the specific skills and abilities necessary to effectively practice the law wherever their legal career takes them after graduation; and

WHEREAS, the College of Law's Legal Clinic has served as an integral part of this training throughout its sixty years of existence and has served as a foundation from which the careers of some of Tennessee's finest attorneys, judges, and lawmakers have arisen; and

WHEREAS, the UT Legal Clinic was formed in 1947 by Charles Henderson Miller, who understood that clinical legal education provides crucial practical skills training for law students while simultaneously serving the surrounding community by offering much-needed legal services to the poor and otherwise unrepresented of society; and

WHEREAS, the UT Legal Clinic, in conjunction with its Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution, continues to provide University of Tennessee law students a clinical training

experience that empowers them with practical litigation skills, interpersonal interactions, and professional responsibility training so that they might perform as skilled legal advocates that also understand the need for legal representation of all people; and

WHEREAS, the training that the University of Tennessee College of Law students receive from their clinical experience in handling actual cases at all stages in the litigation process has proven to be invaluable throughout their careers, regardless of how they utilize their law degrees; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the University of Tennessee College of Law's Legal Clinic on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary and thank it for its continuing service to the bench, bar, and people of the State of Tennessee, as we extend our best wishes for every success in its future years of training outstanding legal advocates.

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