

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 654

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to commend Jerran Carter Clarke Gouge 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, Jerran Carter Clarke Gouge is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for the House Clerk's Office; Jerran's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a native of Carter County, Jerran Gouge is the son of Larry and Debbie Gouge and the brother of Jamis Gouge; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee Knoxville (UTK), where he is highly regarded by his peers, Jerran has achieved academic success while majoring in political science with a concentration in public administration and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Jerran is a member of the UTK Concert Choir, has served as a resident assistant, and is a member of the student government, the Pride of Southland, the Academic Affairs Committee, and the United Residence Hall Council; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Gouge brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2009 session of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2009 legislative session, he has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern, serving as Primary Clerk of the

Government Operations Committee, the Small Business Sub-Committee of the Commerce Committee, and the Domestic Relations Sub-Committee of the Children and Family Committee; Secondary Clerk of the Commerce Committee; and Tertiary Clerk of the Health and Human Resources Committee; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jerran Carter Clarke Gouge for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the House Clerk's Office 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.