

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 509

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to commend Matthew Carroll Clark 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, Matthew Carroll Clark is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Doug Jackson; Matthew's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for Senator Jackson and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Matthew is a non-traditional student at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) in the School of Continuing Studies; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded by his peers and professors, Mr. Clark will earn his Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on political science and business in August of 2009; and

WHEREAS, before continuing his education, Matthew enjoyed a successful career in the travel industry and later worked in the insurance industry; he holds a valid Tennessee producer's license for property, casualty, life, accident, and health insurance; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Mr. Clark is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A., having been ordained at Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church in Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, a vibrant force in the affairs of his community, Matthew serves on the Board of Directors of ETSU Friends of Music, volunteers for the Interfaith Hospitality Network and the Historic Jonesborough Dance Society, and has worked as a Festival Tent Manager for the National Storytelling Festival for the last two decades; and

WHEREAS, he is a past board member and program chairman for Bowmantown Ruritan with six years of perfect attendance and has also served as the District Convention Chair for the Davy Crockett Ruritan Convention; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Matthew Clark is the son of D. Gene and Helen Clark; he has been married to Karen Clark for twenty-six years; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Matthew 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; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark has performed his meritorious service as an intern as a tribute to his grandparents, all native Tennesseans: Harley R. and Amy Clark and I.W. and Helen Grizzard; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Matthew Carroll Clark for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Doug Jackson 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.