

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 617

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A RESOLUTION to commend Oscar Lee Starks, Jr., 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, Oscar Lee Starks, Jr., is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Lowe Finney; Oscar's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a native of Jackson, Oscar Starks is the son of Carol Pauline Starks and Oscar Starks, Sr., and is a 2006 graduate of North Side High School; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Bethel College, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Oscar has achieved academic success while majoring in sociology, earning a minor in music, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers and a friend to many of them, he has given of his time and many talents as the Student Government Vice-President, the Student Government President, and an esteemed member of Kappa Phi Rho; Oscar is the first student from Bethel College to serve as a legislative intern for the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades for his many noteworthy achievements, Oscar Starks was the honored recipient of a "Sociology Student of the Year" award and was tabbed for inclusion on the Dean's List; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Oscar 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, Mr. Starks has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Lee Starks, Jr., 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 Oscar Lee Starks, Jr., for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Lowe Finney 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.