

HOUSE RESOLUTION 302

By Coley

A RESOLUTION to commend Joseph Michael Hodge 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, Joseph Michael Hodge is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Jim Coley, the House Judiciary Committee, and the General Subcommittee of Judiciary; Joseph's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, born in Memphis on November 30, 1990, Mr. Hodge graduated from Bolton High School, attended Mississippi College, and is currently a student at the University of Memphis, where he has achieved academic success while pursuing a degree in political science; and

WHEREAS, he has also participated in many extracurricular activities, including serving as a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, playing guitar, and remaining active in various sports; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Hodge is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Jon and Linda Hodge, and a great inspiration to his brother, Jacob, and his sister, Jill; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Joseph brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2012 session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a former student of Representative Coley at Bolton High School, Mr. Hodge has had the opportunity to prove his intellectual and professional growth in the last few years; and

WHEREAS, during his internship, Joseph Hodge spent hours researching vital issues before the House Judiciary Committee and was invaluable in helping to manage the large number of bills assigned to the Committee; and

WHEREAS, a quick learner and an overachiever, he always helped to maintain a peaceful atmosphere in the office, showed a strong work ethic, and performed all tasks assigned to him with great diligence; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hodge is well-grounded in his faith and always maintains a positive outlook, and his remarkable attitude reflects positively on the University of Memphis as well as the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, Joseph Hodge has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Joseph 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commend Joseph Michael Hodge for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Jim Coley, the House Judiciary Committee, and the General Subcommittee of Judiciary 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.