

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 808

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to commend Michael Anthony Ripley 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, Michael Anthony Ripley is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Bill Ketron; Michael's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), where he is highly regarded by his peers, Michael has achieved academic success while majoring in Criminal Justice and Political Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, he is a student worker with the Criminal Justice Department, a volunteer at the Discovery Center, and a member of the MTSU Honors College, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the National Society of Leadership and Success, Sigma Alpha Lambda, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Gamma Mu, the Golden Key International Honour Society, and Alpha Phi Sigma. He is also a member of the World Outreach Church; and

WHEREAS, Michael's endeavors bring great pride to his parents, Donna Ripley and Steven Ripley; and

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

WHEREAS, in a true spirit of professionalism, Mr. Ripley refused to dress casually on Fridays while working at Legislative Plaza, and will be remembered for his enjoyment of finding free food at legislative gatherings and in other legislative offices; and

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Michael Anthony Ripley for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Bill Ketron 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.