

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 901

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to commend James Austin Palasek North 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, James Austin Palasek North is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Tim Barnes; James's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, born in Darmstadt, Germany on April 26, 1991, James hails from a proud military family and has traveled across the globe, residing on a number of United States Army posts; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Mr. North is highly regarded by his peers and has achieved academic success while majoring in history and political science, minoring in anthropology, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the pre-law club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, James North has been included in the prestigious Dean's List for the past three years and is the back-to-back intramural champion in both indoor and outdoor soccer; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Rossvie High School, James North used his estimable leadership abilities to render sterling service as the Class Vice-President, Youth Soccer Coach, delegate to Boy's State, and Captain of the Soccer Team; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Mr. James North has endeavored to serve his fellow citizens through volunteer work at Goodwill Industries and as a private tutor for children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, a highly intelligent young man with a wide variety of interests, James enjoys jazz, the arts, politics, and the great outdoors, including camping, hiking, swimming, and rock climbing; and

WHEREAS, having learned the value of hard work at an early age, James is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, John David North II and Julia Dolores Palasek North, his younger brother, Zachary John Palasek North, and his baby sister, Jillian Ryan Palasek North; and

WHEREAS, Mr. North's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as he pursues a career in environmental law and stays involved in the political process; and

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

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

WHEREAS, thoroughly enjoying his tenure as an intern, Mr. North has experienced a time of tremendous growth and development as a human being, learning to work well with those who hold opposing ideological views; and

WHEREAS, James North has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum, exemplifying an indomitable spirit and unmatched skill that have garnered him the respect of his fellow staff members and legislators; 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 James Austin Palasek North for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Tim Barnes 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.