

SENATE RESOLUTION 60

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to commend Cory Douglas Higdon 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, Cory Douglas Higdon is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Dolores Gresham; Cory's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a native of Culleoka, Mr. Higdon is the son of Marc and Heather Higdon, both of whom are teachers; and

WHEREAS, during his high school career, Cory Higdon served as the National Vice Chairman of Students for Senator Fred Thompson, he attended three national leadership conferences in Washington, he was a page for the Tennessee House of Representatives, he served as the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development at Boys State, and he attended the Governor's School for International Relations; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Memphis, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Cory has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including serving as Governor of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL); and

WHEREAS, as Governor, he is serving his third term on the Executive Council and serves as the Chief Executive Officer under the Constitution, as a member of the TISL Board of Directors, and he appoints the justices of the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Higdon served as Speaker of the House for the TISL's Forty-First General Assembly, as Speaker Pro Tem of the House for the Fortieth General Assembly, and as a Representative for the Thirty-Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, he was elected by the Executive Council to the at-large student seat on the TISL Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Cory Higdon has also served with acumen and alacrity as a member of the Student Government Association and as the Pledge Educator for the Epsilon Kappa Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Higdon served as the Memphis area field director for Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey's Governor Campaign and as the Assistant Campaign Manager for Charlotte Bergman's Congress Campaign; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Cory Higdon brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2011 session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly as an intern in the Senate Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2011 legislative session, Mr. Higdon has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, during his time as an intern, he has become fondly known for his focus, friendliness, sense of humor, strong work ethic, eagerness to help whenever possible, infinite knowledge of computers, and his coffee addiction; and

WHEREAS, Cory Higdon 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, that we hereby commend Cory Douglas Higdon for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Dolores Gresham 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.