

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 125

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Belmont University's student volunteers and their participation in the Homework Hotline program.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should specially recognize those exemplary individuals who are committed to improving the academic achievement of the students of Tennessee and the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such group of individuals are the student volunteers at Belmont University who have shared their time and talents by providing one-on-one tutoring to at-risk children as part of the Homework Hotline program; and

WHEREAS, research studies have shown that homework is increasingly important for academic achievement, especially for immigrant and low-income students, and recognizing the need to address this issue in an innovative way led the School of Education and the Office of Service-Learning at Belmont to initiate this vital pilot project with Homework Hotline, the largest provider of tutoring in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, utilizing education majors and other college students to staff a satellite phone center on the Belmont University campus, Homework Hotline East at Belmont University has allowed the institution's students to practice teaching techniques and gain an in-depth understanding of the public school curriculum and the needs of children; and

WHEREAS, while helping school children complete their homework, Belmont's students will undoubtedly learn teaching and communication techniques, improve their self-efficacy, and increase their engagement with the community with the ultimate result of producing better future teachers and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Homework Hotline student volunteers are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; as

ambassadors of those very precepts, Belmont University should be especially proud of their exemplary service to their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Belmont University and its students on their exemplary service to their community as volunteers in the Homework Hotline program and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.