

HOUSE RESOLUTION 103

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to commend Starr Jones 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, Starr Jones is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Barbara Cooper; Starr's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones's early years were tough; after suffering the loss of several family members by age eleven, including her mother and stepfather, she bounced between the homes of various cousins and other family members; and

WHEREAS, during her senior year of high school, Starr transitioned into a more stable living environment, at which time she was able to focus on her education and her goals; she began to visit colleges and she was afforded the opportunity to stay on the campus of the University of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, now a senior at Tennessee State University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Jones maintains an exemplary grade point average while graciously donating her time and energies to numerous scholastic and extracurricular efforts; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Starr Jones brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2013 session of the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones's story of perseverance and personal triumph is one which we would all do well to emulate; when such outstanding individuals conquer life's hardships and

become productive members of society, they deserve to be specially recognized and applauded for their incredible achievements; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2013 legislative session, Ms. Jones has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Starr Jones has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Starr Jones for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Barbara Cooper and extend to her 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.