

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 564

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the 2013-2014
Tennessee State FFA Officers.

WHEREAS, organized in 1928 to promote leadership, personal growth, and career success among high school agriculture students, FFA continues to play an important role in ensuring the growth and prosperity of agriculture in Tennessee and the nation by expertly molding our future leaders; and

WHEREAS, because of his leadership in promoting scientific farming practices, George Washington is embraced as the patron saint of FFA, and his important work in this area is symbolized by its Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, there are over 7,450 FFA Chapters in 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, comprising nearly one-half million members, with 206 local chapters in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto, "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve," gives direction and purpose to these future leaders of tomorrow's agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the 86th Tennessee State FFA Convention will be held in Gatlinburg on March 23 through March 26, 2014, with the Tennessee State FFA Officers for 2013-2014 ably presiding and leading the way; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding state officers are: President Sarah Best of the Cookeville FFA Chapter; East Tennessee Vice President, Rebekah Wright of the David Crockett FFA Chapter; Middle Tennessee Vice President, Scott Bohanon of the McEwen FFA Chapter; West Tennessee Vice President, Jeff Rogers of the Munford FFA Chapter; Secretary, Melinda Perkins of the Paris FFA Chapter; Treasurer, Colton McClanahan of the Stone Memorial FFA

Chapter; Reporter, Samantha Beard of the Eagleville FFA Chapter; and Sentinel, Rachel Ralston of the Riverdale FFA Chapter; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to commend these outstanding young people for their respective efforts in assuring the future progress and prosperity of agriculture in our nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the 2013-2014 state officers of the Tennessee Future Farmers of America for their service and dedication to their organization and to the future well-being of agriculture in Tennessee.

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