

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 701

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Emily Huffer upon receiving the 2014 Youth Leadership Award from Leadership Blount.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Emily Huffer, recipient of the 2014 Youth Leadership Award from Leadership Blount, in recognition of her many contributions to her community; and

WHEREAS, Emily is the third winner of this award, which was established to annually honor an outstanding student-leader in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary young lady, Ms. Huffer used her love and knowledge of swimming to develop, coordinate, and implement an annual Water Safety Program to bring water safety and swimming instruction to underprivileged children in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, begun two years ago with just members of the Green Meadow Swim Team within the Family Promise program, the Water Safety Program now includes a partnership with John Sevier Pool, the Boys and Girls Club of Blount County, and fifteen high school swim team volunteers from five different teams; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her initiatives in water safety education, Ms. Huffer dedicates her time and efforts to numerous volunteer activities in her community, including service as a junior volunteer at Blount Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Emily Huffer is an involved member of Fairview United Methodist Church, which she is a member of the Children's Leadership Development Team, a Sunday school assistant, and a participant on several youth choir missions trips; and

WHEREAS, a sophomore at Maryville High School, Emily also participates in extracurricular activities such as Maryville High School orchestra and chamber orchestra; and

WHEREAS, a Girl Scout who attained both her Silver and Gold Awards, Emily Huffer's most recent achievement is a source of great pride to her parents, Mike and Becky Huffer; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Huffer epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Emily Huffer for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; 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 hereby honor and congratulate Emily Huffer on receiving the 2014 Youth Leadership Award from Leadership Blount, thank her for her tireless service to the people of Blount County and this State, and wish her all the best in her 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.