

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 348

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to commend Jonathan Tucker Beard for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Tucker Beard is one such individual who distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland; Tucker's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Tennessee Wesleyan College, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Tucker has achieved academic success while majoring in history and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, his sterling record of community service includes standing as the president of the Historic Film Club, volunteering for Chattanooga's food bank and Room at the Inn program, serving as a youth group leader at Benton United Methodist Church, and, most recently, organizing the annual basketball game pitting the General Assembly's members and staff against the interns; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Tucker Beard gained recognition on the Honor's List for three semesters and was chosen to receive both the Durwood-Duncan Scholarship and the Hope Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further his studies, Tucker brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2015 session of the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2015 legislative session, Tucker has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern. His commendable efforts in the areas of constituent services, research, bill tracking, welcoming leadership groups, and formatting bill summaries were beyond reproach, but it was his ability to use his silver tongue to procure free items for the office which perhaps impressed his coworkers the most; and

WHEREAS, Tucker's hard work on behalf of the Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee has benefited the members of that committee throughout the entire 2015 session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beard has been outstanding as an intern, and his sense of humor and positivity are greatly appreciated by those who know him, and his work ethic, evidenced by his simultaneous service as a legislative intern, a server at Cracker Barrel restaurant, and a land surveyor for a construction company, speak well of his fortitude and dedication to excellence in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Tucker's accomplishments are the pride of his parents, Lisa Carrol White Beard and Johnathan Lee Beard, his brothers, Tracy Warren Beard and Zack Rogers, and his community of Linsdale; and

WHEREAS, Tucker Beard performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jonathan Tucker Beard for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland, 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.