

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 692

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Brad Paisley for his work as a humanitarian.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to honor those magnanimous Tennesseans who share the rewards of their fame and good fortune through their endeavors to improve the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, Brad Paisley is one such worthy individual, who generously gives of his time and resources to a number of deserving charitable organizations throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, one of the biggest philanthropists in the country music industry, Mr. Paisley founded the Brad Paisley Foundation in 2001 to distribute funds to various charities, including The Children's Miracle Network, Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and The Soup Kitchen of Wheeling, among many others; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many charitable endeavors, Brad Paisley received the 2004 Country Radio Broadcasters' Artist Humanitarian of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, even before he launched his career as a country music singer, Mr. Paisley donated his time and talents to nursing homes, civic organizations, churches, and local and state ceremonies in his hometown of Glen Dale, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in addition to creating his own charitable foundation to support organizations in West Virginia, he launched the Brad Paisley Celebrity Invitational Fishing Tournament to benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paisley further donated the "Paisley Lodge" to the Target House in Memphis; modeled after his family's cabin home in Williamson County, the room is a favorite

among the children who stay at the Target House while undergoing treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Brad Paisley is also an honorable supporter of the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease Research, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Wal-Mart's Take a Kid Fishing Day, the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program, and the T.J. Martell Foundation; and

WHEREAS, more recently, Mr. Paisley has joined with Live Beyond, both as a financial supporter and volunteer, to provide clean water to households throughout Thomazeau, Haiti, a very poor suburb of Port au Prince; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend on the dedication of people like Brad Paisley, who use their considerable talents and resources to make life better for the good people of our State, our nation, and the entire world, and it is appropriate that we honor Mr. Paisley for his many good works as a humanitarian; 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 honor and commend Mr. Brad Paisley for his wholehearted commitment to humanitarian causes throughout our world and thank him for his valiant efforts to improve the quality of life for all people.

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