

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 311

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Chris Garner for his meritorious service to the youth of Shelby County.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pride in paying special tribute to those individuals whose leadership and dedication serve to empower young people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Chris Garner, director of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis-Craigmont, who is wholly devoted to serving the youth of Memphis and Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Mr. Garner graduated from Treadwell High School, where he lettered in basketball; he received an athletic scholarship to the University of Memphis, where he earned his bachelor's degree in education; and

WHEREAS, Chris Garner went on to play professional basketball in the National Basketball Association (NBA); he also played for various professional teams in foreign countries over his twenty-year athletic career; and

WHEREAS, always feeling called to give back to his hometown and to work with young people, Mr. Garner returned to Memphis and began volunteering his time and sharing his foreign and domestic experiences and the knowledge he gained from them by training with local youth at basketball camps, youth leagues, conferences, and seminars through the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis; and

WHEREAS, now serving as director of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis-Craigmont, Chris Garner has forged invaluable relationships and partnerships throughout the community; he has worked with area high school and middle school basketball coaches, principals, and other stakeholders to better serve the youth under his charge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garner is frequently asked by various organizations throughout Memphis to speak with and advise youth; he has consistently been a staunch, compassionate advocate for youth in Shelby County, contributing greatly to the successful programming at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis-Craigmont and significantly impacting the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, Chris Garner is an exceptional asset to his community and most worthy of approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Chris Garner for his meritorious service to the youth of Shelby County as director of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis-Craigmont, extending our gratitude for his many contributions to his community and our best wishes for his continued success.

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