

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 405

By Griffey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Caroline Gurton on being elected West Tennessee State Vice President of the Tennessee FFA.

WHEREAS, organized in 1928 to promote leadership, personal growth, and career success among high school agricultural students, Future Farmers of America, now known as 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, the FFA motto, "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve," gives direction and purpose to these future leaders; and

WHEREAS, one such young leader is Caroline Gurton of Paris, who was recently elected West Tennessee State Vice President of the Tennessee FFA for the 2019-2020 term, a crowning accomplishment for an FFA member; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Henry County High School, Ms. Gurton is a member of the Paris FFA chapter; as an officer of the Tennessee FFA, she will be serving 14,000 members across the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Gurton is the eleventh state officer to hail from the Paris FFA chapter, and her election comes during the fiftieth anniversary of women being allowed to join FFA; and

WHEREAS, actively involved with the Paris FFA Chapter for several years, Ms. Gurton has competed in FFA events at the regional, state, and national levels; she previously served terms as the Paris chapter vice president and president and currently holds the office of West Tennessee Regional President; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her involvement with the FFA, Caroline Gurton is a standout student; she currently serves as the president of her senior class, and she plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin upon graduation; and

WHEREAS, her many achievements and recent election to state FFA office are a great source of pride for her parents, Karla Gurton and Will Gurton, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we recognize Ms. Gurton at this time; 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 congratulate Caroline Gurton on being elected West Tennessee State Vice President of the Tennessee FFA, extending our best wishes to her for continued success 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.