

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 873

By Carter

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kennie Almonor on his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Kennie Almonor of Ooltewah is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his fellow citizens, Kennie Almonor volunteers in various ways throughout Hamilton County; in 2018, he joined the Museum Apprentice Program with the Creative Discovery Museum; he helped plan and organize a coloring book drive for T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital in Chattanooga; and facilitated a food drive for Ooltewah High School's Great Turkey Race, raising approximately \$4,000; and

WHEREAS, he participated in the Erlanger VolunTeen Program that offers teens meaningful opportunities to learn about careers in health care; in 2018, he served in the Administration Department, and in 2019, he volunteered in the Surgical Supply Chain Department; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Mr. Almonor joined Ooltewah High School's Junior ROTC program and served as Drill Team Commander; he currently holds the position of Battalion Executive Officer; additionally, he is a member of National Honor Society and the Beta Club; a participant in Model UN and Ooltewah High School Science Olympiad; and serves as class Vice President; and

WHEREAS, Kennie Almonor is a model citizen; his commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; 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 honor Kennie Almonor for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.