

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 148

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Grant Rockley, Kaylee Hollifield, Lily Brock, Karen Childress, Makayla Leann Campbell, and the United Way of Washington County on their 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 and organizations that 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, Grant Rockley, Kaylee Hollifield, Lily Brock, Karen Childress, Makayla Leann Campbell, and the United Way of Washington County received the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of their laudable commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Johnson City, Pastor Grant Rockley is the director of the Haven of Mercy Homeless and Rescue Mission in East Tennessee, which provides meals for the homeless and helps individuals suffering from addiction, poverty, family estrangement, and medical problems; and

WHEREAS, Kaylee Hollifield is a resident of Elizabethton and the founder of Kaylee's Helping Hands, an annual food drive to provide turkeys for the Good Samaritan Ministries Thanksgiving Dinner; she also volunteers with the Salvation Army, Good Samaritan Ministries,

Haven of Mercy, Serving With Style, Operation Christmas Child, and the Smoky Mountain Children's Home, among others; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Gray, Lily Brock is the founder of Learning to Succeed, a program to mentor youth who have been diagnosed with a learning disability, and Lunch With Lily, a lunchtime program in East Tennessee schools that benefits students enrolled in special education classes; she also volunteers with a number of organizations, including Haven of Mercy Rescue Mission, Serving With Style, Santa Train, and the Appalachian Ronald McDonald House; and

WHEREAS, Karen Childress is the driving force behind Jonesborough Locally Grown and the co-founder of the Jonesborough Farmers Market; she currently leads the expansion of Boone Street Market, which was established due to the farmers market's success and the need for year-round, locally grown food; and

WHEREAS, Makayla Campbell serves as president of the Jonesborough Middle School Builders Club, an organization dedicated to community service projects; she also gives back to her community as a member of the student council and Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of Washington County fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in the community; it recently implemented its first-ever standalone program, Vello, a virtual volunteer reading program that has been placed in ten second-grade classrooms in Johnson City and Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Rockley, Ms. Hollifield, Ms. Brock, Ms. Childress, Ms. Campbell, and the volunteers of the United Way of Washington County are model citizens; their commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Grant Rockley, Kaylee Hollifield, Lily Brock, Karen Childress, Makayla Leann Campbell, and the United Way of Washington County upon their

receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, applaud their outstanding community leadership, and extend to them 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.