

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 316

By Briggs

A RESOLUTION to commend Gage Kirby of Farragut for his courage in the face of adversity.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to recognize those exemplary Tennesseans whose bravery is an inspiration to all; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Gage Kirby of Farragut, a young man whose remarkable resilience during the diagnosis and treatment of his brain cancer has inspired all who are blessed to know him; and

WHEREAS, currently a fifth-grader at Hardin Valley Elementary School, Gage has exhibited tremendous tenacity, serving as a beacon of optimism and strength to his classmates as well as his teammates on the Farragut Youth and High School teams; and

WHEREAS, Gage Kirby is a passionate, gifted athlete, who refuses to let anything stand in the way of his participation in football and basketball; a mere two weeks after undergoing his first surgery to remove a brain tumor, he played a flawless game for the Farragut Youth football team. After thirty-three treatments of proton therapy at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, he led the team to the championship as quarterback; and

WHEREAS, Gage's refusal to be beaten has inspired not only his community but also many well-wishes from individuals across the State and nation, including Peyton Manning, Coach Nick Saban, Coach Phil Fulmer, Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers, Chargers punter Donnie Jones, Jr., and several members of the University of Tennessee football team; and

WHEREAS, Gage Kirby's determination in the face of his recent diagnosis is indeed an inspiration to us all; 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 commend Gage Kirby for his bravery and tenacity in his fight against cancer, extending our best wishes for much health and happiness in the years to come.

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