

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 545

By White

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Andrew Bruce and Don Kim of Siegel High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in scholastic competition; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Bruce and Don Kim of Siegel High School are two such exceptional students who were recently awarded the Small Delegation Award of Merit for their collective preparation and performance in debate at the National High School Model United Nations (UN) Conference; and

WHEREAS, held in New York City, the National High School Model United Nations Conference was attended by approximately 5,000 participants from more than seventy-five countries, representing 300 schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bruce and Mr. Kim were members of an all-star delegation representing the Southeastern High School Model United Nations Conference, taking Top 25 honors to earn the Small Delegation Award of Merit, the third-highest honor the conference offers; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Siegel, Mr. Bruce competed in the UN Development Program while Mr. Kim, a junior, competed in the UN Conference on Trade and Development; the team represented the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire and debated pressing global issues such as gender-based violence and the paradigm of the oceans' economy; and

WHEREAS, no strangers to awards and accolades, Mr. Bruce and Mr. Kim had previously been honored as Best Delegate in their respective committees at the Southeastern High School Model UN Conference in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, their noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for their families, their school, and their community; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to excellence exhibited by both these young men is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this General Assembly; 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 hereby commend and honor Andrew Bruce and Don Kim of Siegel High School on their receipt of the Small Delegation Award of Merit and extend to them our best wishes for happy, successful futures.

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