

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 614

By Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to commend Matt Anderson for his honorable and astute service to the General Assembly and the Senate.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those Tennesseans who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, for nearly seven years, Matthew "Matt" Anderson has served with distinction as the press secretary for the Senate Democratic Caucus, deftly performing his many duties; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the 2019 session, Matt will be leaving the friendly confines of Capitol Hill to pursue a new career; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure as press secretary, Mr. Anderson has been honored to work for three chairs of the Senate Democratic Caucus, Senator Lowe Finney, Senator Jeff Yarbro, and Senator Raumesh Akbari; and

WHEREAS, prior to coming to the General Assembly, Matt Anderson was a journalist of rare ability and integrity; he served as a staff writer for the *Tennessean* and *Chattanooga Times Free Press*, editor of the *Ashland City Times*, and editor for Sumner County Publications, in which position he led a newsroom of six staff writers for the *Gallatin News Examiner*, *Hendersonville Star News*, and *Sumner A.M.*; and

WHEREAS, active in civic and political affairs, he served a term on the Davidson County Democratic Party Executive Committee and was selected as a New Leaders Council fellow in 2017; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of McGavock High School in Nashville, Matt Anderson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Amanda Anderson, and son, Rory; and

WHEREAS, Matt Anderson is wholly committed to the noble precepts of political involvement and civic engagement that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he 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 commend Matt Anderson for his honorable and astute service to the General Assembly and the Senate as press secretary for the Democratic Caucus, congratulate him on pursuing new horizons, and wish him all the best in his 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.