

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 615

By Bell

A RESOLUTION to commend Matthew Cook for exemplary service as a research analyst.

WHEREAS, each legislative session, this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Cook is one such individual, who has distinguished himself in his role as a research analyst for Chairman Mike Bell and the Senate Judiciary Committee; Mr. Cook's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a *magna cum laude* graduate of Lee University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Matthew Cook was a member of the Phi Beta Lambda national business honor society and Delta Mu Delta, the international business honor society; he also served as president of Alpha Gamma Chi; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cook has lent his time and many talents to various organizations over the years, serving as administrative assistant to the president of Lee University; operations project coordinator at SymGlass; social entrepreneurship intern at Business As Mission Resources, with operations in Thailand, India, and Cambodia; and business analyst at Legacy Senior Living; and

WHEREAS, immediately prior to his service with the General Assembly, Matthew Cook was a Tennessee field representative with the nonprofit Leadership Institute in Arlington, Virginia; in this capacity, he served as a liaison for partner national organizations and their university chapters and assisted student leaders in hosting public speaking events on campuses across the State; and

WHEREAS, with his strong resume and impressive experience, Mr. Cook was asked by Chairman Bell to join the staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee for the 2019 session of the One Hundred Eleventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government, Mr. Cook brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cook also brought his numerous talents to the Nashville community and has often serenaded those around him with his stunning singing voice, particularly his version of "Bennie and the Jets"; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2019 legislative session, Matthew Cook has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious research analyst; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cook has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; 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 Matthew Cook for outstanding service as a research analyst for Chairman Mike Bell and the Senate Judiciary Committee, extending 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.