

SENATE RESOLUTION 6

By Niceley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate John DeSchaaf on his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those estimable citizens who 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, John DeSchaaf of Bean Station is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, a United States military veteran, Mr. DeSchaaf is a transportation volunteer for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program at Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, Inc., serving homebound senior citizens in Grainger, Hamblen, and Jefferson counties; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, Mr. DeSchaaf has driven more than 1,777 miles and volunteered more than eighty-seven hours to ensure access to services and basic living needs for senior citizens in rural counties where public transportation is not available; and

WHEREAS, John DeSchaaf is a model citizen; his commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of 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, that we honor John DeSchaaf for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend 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.