

SENATE RESOLUTION 135

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bayli Alley upon her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we 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, Bayli Alley is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, a three-time recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award, Ms. Alley is a compassionate and active volunteer who has given her time and service in many capacities over the years; she has packed hundreds of Christmas gifts for The Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, Cumberland Village Nursing Home, Shepherd's Home, and Rainbow Home, often delivering gifts on Christmas Eve; and

WHEREAS, she rings the bell for Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive, volunteers at Fantasy of Trees for East Tennessee Children's Hospital, and collects supplies for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Ronald McDonald House, and Blessing Box; additionally, she prepares blessing bags for students in area high schools, and she provides supplies and walks dogs for the Oak Ridge Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alley started a Relay for Life team, served as its captain for three years, and helped raise thousands of dollars for the Campbell County Cancer Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alley balances her volunteer work with other activities; she is an honor roll student, a cheerleader, and an Ice Girl for the Knoxville Ice Bears Hockey Team; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alley is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she 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 Bayli Alley for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her 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.