

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 808

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Kidizenship for its commitment to civics education and community action.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable organizations that are devoted to improving the lives of young people in this State; and

WHEREAS, one such institution is Kidizenship, a nonpartisan and nonprofit media platform designed for tweens and teens that merges civic education with self-expression and community action; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, civic knowledge among students has decreased since 2018, with only twenty-two percent of eighth graders proficient in civics in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Kidizenship hosts several youth civic contests, including Show Us YOUR Nashville, Snap Your Solution, and Write Your Hero, among numerous others, which encourage and inspire young people to have a voice in their community and showcase their creativity; and

WHEREAS, Kidizenship is under the leadership of Amanda Little, founder and executive director; Marisa Frank, director of programming; Alice Randall, creative advisor; Kate Davis, external relations director; Drew Rollo, director of design; Freyja Balmer, digital advisor; and Becca Richardson, web guru; and

WHEREAS, Kidizenship works assiduously to improve the lives of teenagers by convening respectful conversations and publishing powerful content for viewers; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that we formally recognize Kidizenship and its honorable service in improving the academic and personal lives of young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Kidizenship for its commitment to civics education and community action, extending our deepest gratitude for the organization's important work and our best wishes for its continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.