

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 66

By Marsh

A RESOLUTION to honor Eli Dotson of Fayetteville on his service as "Davy Crockett" for the University of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a young man who has truly embodied the Volunteer spirit of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, proud to be a Tennessee Vol, Eli Dotson of Fayetteville has served as the "Davy Crockett" mascot for the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, since September 2022; and

WHEREAS, the son of Philip and Rujena Dotson, Eli Dotson is a 2020 graduate of Fayetteville High School and a junior at the University of Tennessee, where he is majoring in agricultural business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dotson won the role of Davy Crockett after originally applying to become a handler for Smokey, the canine mascot for the Big Orange; although he was not selected to become a handler for Smokey, he was approached about becoming "Davy Crockett"; and

WHEREAS, in his role as Davy Crockett, he proudly waves the Tennessee State flag and the big orange T flag; he is an official member of the Mascot Team at all home and away football games, participates in the "Vol Walk" prior to home games, greets fans at Vol Village, appears at other sporting events, makes special appearances, and attends community service events; and

WHEREAS, Eli Dotson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor Eli Dotson on his exemplary tenure as the "Davy Crockett" mascot for the University of Tennessee Volunteers and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in all 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.