

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 68

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Abigail Beaty on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly 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, Abigail Beaty of Jamestown 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 senior at Alvin C. York Institute, Ms. Beaty started a recycling project at her school; she has volunteered over 200 hours and collected more than 70,000 plastic bottles after football and basketball games; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Beaty's volunteer work is extensive and far-reaching; since 2013, she has volunteered at Street Reach Ministries, serving the underprivileged children of intercity Memphis, and in 2016, she participated in the Disaster Relief program in New Orleans, Louisiana, rebuilding a flood victim's home; and

WHEREAS, through her membership in Tennessee Teens Talk Tobacco club, Abigail Beaty has learned how to share her knowledge of the harmful effects of tobacco; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Interact club, she has raised money for UNICEF, assisted needy students in the Christmas Shopping Spree, and participated in the Rotary Chicken Festival and Christmas Parade; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Beaty 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Abigail Beaty 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.