

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 110

By Calfee

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sabrina Houston 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, Sabrina Houston of Lenoir City 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, Ms. Houston volunteers more than 400 hours each year at Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding (STAR), serving children and adults with mental, physical, and emotional disabilities. She also volunteers in STAR's Changing Strides program, which serves at-risk youth, corporations, and other groups in search of emotional well-being, team building, and life skills; and

WHEREAS, most notable for her participation in STAR's fundraisers, Ms. Houston initiated Songwriter in the Round, one of the organization's biggest annual events; and

WHEREAS, Sabrina Houston 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 Sabrina Houston 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.