

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 131

By Pitts

A RESOLUTION to recognize Christopher Lancaster, recipient 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, Christopher Lancaster is one such exemplary person, and his commitment to community service has been acknowledged by his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding young man, Christopher Lancaster selected as the benefactor of his community service the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP), a nationally recognized organization that provides programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members; and

WHEREAS, he is a longtime member of the Boy Scouts of America and thusly understands the importance of helping others, so upon learning of WWP's need for a mountain bike trail in Clarksville, he resolved to be involved. He helped determine its location, obtained donated materials for its construction, and organized a workforce of eighteen people to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the one-mile trail not only meets the needs of injured service members, providing a place for physical therapy, fun, and leisure, it is also designed to preserve nature; and

WHEREAS, a junior at Kenwood High School, Christopher Lancaster aspires to study chemical engineering in college; and

WHEREAS, he is the son of Gary Lancaster Jr., a disabled veteran, and Olivia Lancaster, who are both proud of his accomplishments and dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Lancaster serves as a great example of the quality of outstanding youth in Tennessee, and he is admired by his peers, who all praise his leadership abilities; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Lancaster is an exemplary citizen whose commitment to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize Christopher Lancaster for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him for receiving the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to him 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.