

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 157

By Carter

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Alan Johns on his 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, Alan Johns of Chattanooga is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, Mr. Johns has volunteered more than 1,200 hours of his time to Enterprise South Nature Park, where he has championed the inclusion of ten miles of mountain bike trails and dedicated himself to the growth of the local mountain biking community; and

WHEREAS, Alan Johns's mission is to improve the park trails to reduce risk and increase the enjoyment of all users; to that end, he contributes to monthly trail maintenance, organizes volunteer workdays and trail work events, conducts trail maintenance education, assists with design and construction, promotes and fosters respect for the environment, and educates all users in safe trail use; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johns has also organized Friends-of-the-Parks group, a nonprofit organization that provides continued volunteer and financial support for all Hamilton County Parks; and

WHEREAS, Alan Johns is a model citizen; his commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Alan Johns for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.