

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 341

By Calfee

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Brant Lee Helms, a 2021 Billy Michal Student Leadership Award recipient.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those young Tennesseans who selflessly serve their communities, making them better places to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Brant Lee Helms of Harriman, who was recently honored by the National WWII Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana, as a 2021 Billy Michal Student Leadership Award recipient; and

WHEREAS, this national honor is awarded annually to one student in each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia who has maintained a strong record of volunteerism, demonstrates school and community activism, and helps implement creative solutions to recognized problems; and

WHEREAS, Brant Helms is a community-spirited young man who has served his neighbors in Harriman and Roane County in a variety of capacities, including volunteering with the city-wide Trunk or Treat and with the fire department's Santa route, giving gifts to children in need; and

WHEREAS, ever ready to assist where needed, Mr. Helms stepped in without prior notice to emcee the Rotary Club's Battle of the Bands, which benefited the local foodbank, and when COVID-19 canceled the annual Christmas parade, he took the helm, becoming the voice of the livestream on Facebook to keep citizens informed of Santa's whereabouts; and

WHEREAS, he has also volunteered to keep the scoreboard and announce local ballgames, served as manager for his high school's girls' volleyball team, and assisted with

many city functions, including the annual Chili Competition and Hooray for Harriman, which is the city's largest annual festival; and

WHEREAS, a student at Harriman High School, Brant Helms is a member of the high school choir and tennis team, as well as the Three Rivers Theater Company; he is a former Boy Scout and is a trained American Field Service Foreign Exchange Liaison and member of Lawnville Road Church of Christ, where he is active in teaching, song leading, and other aspects of worship service; and

WHEREAS, it is our privilege to honor one of Tennessee's most outstanding young people at this time; 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 recognize and congratulate Brant Lee Helms upon receiving a 2021 Billy Michal Student Leadership Award, extending to him our best wishes for much continued 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.