

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 557

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Matthew Colter Hurtt on the celebration of his graduation from Middle Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2009, Matthew Colter Hurtt graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with his Bachelor of Arts degree in history and political science, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born February 5, 1987, Mr. Hurtt is the son of David Hurtt and Terrie Hurtt; a longtime resident of Rutherford County, Matthew Hurtt is a graduate of Blackman High School; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a seemingly boundless energy, Mr. Hurtt has already accomplished a great deal in his twenty-two years; he is the founder of Standing Athwart History Consulting, and he maintains a widely-read blog on his eponymous web site; and

WHEREAS, according to an anonymous source quoted on the site, "...when Matthew Hurtt breaks a story about Nashville, you can bet that everyone at the Capitol reads it- Democrats and Republicans alike. They're all reading what Hurtt has to say..."; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a deep understanding of the rights and privileges as well as the duties and responsibilities involved in the virtuous exercise of citizenship, Matthew Hurtt, sensing that his community would benefit from his unique talents and grasp of public policy, felt compelled to run for local office in 2006; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Mr. Hurtt plans to move to Washington, D.C., to work at the Leadership Institute, where he will no doubt earn the admiration of his colleagues as he shares with them his vast knowledge concerning all things political; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding young men on this very special occasion; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Matthew Colter Hurtt on the celebration of his graduation from Middle Tennessee State University and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.