

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 738

By Niceley

A RESOLUTION to commend Johnny Lunday for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Lunday of Knoxville is one such admirable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lunday has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Johnny, who is in his mid-thirties, has Down syndrome but, despite his disability, he always selflessly serves others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lunday serves with acumen and alacrity for two weekends per year as a volunteer at Mountain View Youth Development Center; and

WHEREAS, he also works with a program called, "Lock Down on the Outside," which is designed to prevent young men from entering a life of crime; and

WHEREAS, Johnny tirelessly devotes many hours of time each year to helping these young men find ways to improve their lives and become successful and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, he is also an active and devout member of his church, which he faithfully serves as a member of the male chorus; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lunday's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored value of hard work and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Lunday is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lunday is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Johnny Lunday for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness in his future endeavors.

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