

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 837

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Connor Breeden 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, Connor Breeden of Cookeville 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, a senior at Cookeville High School, Mr. Breeden has been involved in scouting since elementary school. From a young age, he demonstrated strong leadership potential, and he rose up the ranks, serving as senior patrol leader more than five times and then junior assistant scout master; and

WHEREAS, in May 2019, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout; his Eagle project consisted of rebuilding a set of stairs at Burgess Falls State Park; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Breeden currently holds the Troop 108 record of forty-two merit badges; the troop's biggest recruiter, he is well known for his dedication and enthusiasm and is a gifted teacher and mentor for younger scouts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Breeden effectively balances his scouting duties with dual-enrollment classes and a part-time job at a local business; he plans to attend East Tennessee State University in the fall of 2020; and

WHEREAS, Connor Breeden 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Connor Breeden 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.