HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 938

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A RESOLUTION to commend Ryan Dalton for his anti-trafficking efforts.

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, Ryan Dalton is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

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

WHEREAS, Ryan is a graduate of the University of Memphis, from which he earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in international relations and philosophy; and

WHEREAS, a student at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Dalton is a 2013 Juris Doctorate candidate; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Dalton serves with acumen and alacrity as the Director of Anti-trafficking Operations with Operation Broken Silence, a nonprofit organization that strives to protect the innocent by confronting social affliction and building a new generation of abolitionists who envision a world without mass atrocities and modern slavery; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Board of Directors, Mr. Dalton opened the Operation Broken Silence anti-trafficking department in 2010 and he researched, proposed, and lobbied for four laws which have materially affected statewide anti-trafficking efforts; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has conducted anti-trafficking trainings as an invited panelist with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, is a member of the Polaris Project NGO legislative circle, and has published three research papers using case studies to reveal the problem of human trafficking in its relationship to commercial sex solicited online; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dalton also created the CARE Network, a victim assistance network that harmonizes social services, medical personnel, and law enforcement for the purpose of assisting trafficking victims; and

WHEREAS, he is the creator of Rescue Ops, a counter-trafficking program developed as an investigative tool for law enforcement which can detect human trafficking circuits, procure cached trafficking ads for prosecution, and use facial recognition to identify missing persons by cross-referencing them to online ads which may reveal human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Dalton is also a member of the Public Action Law Society, an Elected Student Justice of the Honor Council and President of the Christian Legal Society at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, and an Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Dalton is the recipient of the Platinum Dean's Distinguished Service Award for over 100 hours of community service during one semester and received recognition for overseeing the Legislative Drafting Program during the 2012 Memphis Law Alternative Spring Break; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dalton was also featured in the December 2011 issue of *Memphis Magazine* for his anti-trafficking work and campaign success in Memphis and Tennessee, is the recipient of a People's Choice Award for his work on human trafficking, and is a Judo black belt; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Dalton's work has served as a guiding light and beacon of sanity in the otherwise dark and turbulent world of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, during his laudable career, Mr. Dalton has made innumerable contributions to the betterment of society and we would all do well to emulate his tireless dedication to improving life for those affected by human trafficking; 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 Ryan Dalton for his honorable work in anti-trafficking, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for every 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.

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