

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1145

By Barrett

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Katie Collins upon her selection as a 2024 winner of the 4-H Youth in Action Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are privileged to recognize those young Tennesseans whose national achievements bring great pride and honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such impressive young woman is Katie Collins of Charlotte, who was recently selected as a 2024 winner of the 4-H Youth in Action Award, becoming the first individual from Tennessee to receive this prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins is just one of four winners from across the nation chosen to receive this accolade, which highlights 4-H members who have exhibited exceptional leadership skills and involvement in their communities; and

WHEREAS, launched in 2010, the 4-H Youth in Action Awards recognize 4-H members who have applied the knowledge gained in 4-H to create a lasting impact in their communities; as a national winner, Katie Collins will receive a \$5,000 higher education scholarship and have opportunities to showcase her story nationally, as well as develop professional skills and network with prominent 4-H alumni; and

WHEREAS, Katie Collins, a Dickson County native, grew up on a dairy farm, and her journey as a 4-H leader began when she was elected president of the Charlotte Elementary School fourth-grade 4-H Club; with determination and a service mindset, she has since completed hundreds of hours of leadership training and dairy-related volunteer work, while also successfully advocating for the expansion of the Tennessee 4-H program at the local and State levels; and

WHEREAS, as the 4-H Honor President, she worked closely with her 4-H agent to develop and implement a program called See Yourself in Ag. Designed to expose diverse and rural youth to agriculture and its career opportunities, the program also focuses on the importance of hard work, resilience, and individuality; her innovative program has reached more than 672 4-H members, fifty-three percent of whom are female and sixty-eight percent of whom are people of color; and

WHEREAS, currently an undergraduate at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Ms. Collins plans to graduate with an agriculture business degree with a minor in international agriculture and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her tremendous success, Katie Collins will serve as an ambassador for 4-H over the next year, representing the organization at numerous events and sharing her experiences as a 4-H member; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we recognize one of this State's finest young people on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Katie Collins upon her selection as a 2024 winner of the 4-H Youth in Action Award, extending our best wishes for her continued success in all her 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.