

HOUSE RESOLUTION 10

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lane Fowlkes for meritorious acts.

WHEREAS, our nation is sustained by individuals who are willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to serve those within their communities, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many courageous men, women, and children who have performed above and beyond expectations in times of trouble and adversity; and

WHEREAS, Lane Fowlkes has served his community with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for heroism today; and

WHEREAS, an eighth grader at Yorkville School in Gibson County, Mr. Fowlkes has displayed selflessness and quick-thinking to which two Gibson County residents owe their lives today; and

WHEREAS, after being involved in a car accident with his sister, Lane Fowlkes displayed the fortitude and presence of mind to get both him and his sister out of the car and call 911 with sufficiently accurate information to direct emergency services to their location; and

WHEREAS, when a local child fell, unconscious, from a duck blind into the water at Gooch Wildlife Management Area, Lane Fowlkes recognized the danger and swam out to the young man, holding his head above water for several minutes as his friends rowed a boat over to pull the two from the water; the young man recovered completely thanks to the selfless act of heroism by Mr. Fowlkes; and

WHEREAS, the son of Valerie and Richie Fowlkes, Lane exemplifies the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; an

WHEREAS, Lane Fowlkes has shown great courage and strength of character in times of trouble and adversity, and it is proper that we recognize him for his heroic actions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Lane Fowlkes for his selflessness in the face of danger, his willingness to go above and beyond that which is required of him, and his embodiment of the spirit of the Volunteer State in protecting the lives of those within his community.

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