

HOUSE RESOLUTION 26

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Representative Tilman Goins for providing emergency first-aid to legislative staff person Michelle Hale.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize individuals who act selflessly and without hesitation to render aid to others they find in a state of extreme need, helplessness, or medical emergency; and

WHEREAS, one outstanding individual who recently rendered such aid to a colleague in the legislative workplace who was experiencing serious medical distress is Representative Tilman Goins; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, January 8th of this year, the inaugural day of the 108th General Assembly, while performing duties at her desk, Michelle Hale experienced a rapid onset of respiratory distress; and

WHEREAS, she was promptly and compassionately attended by her colleagues, especially Lori Barnard, Debbie Stevens, Tara Bezawada, and Bridget Fendler, among others, and then Representative Goins responded to their calls for an epinephrine autoinjector, commonly referred to as an epi-pen, as the symptomology of the emerging situation strongly resembled an acute allergic reaction, and all present concurred in the urgency at hand; and

WHEREAS, even as Representative Goins acted to rapidly retrieve an epi-pen from his vehicle and administer the medication, Lt. Preston Donaldson commenced a clock-work precise emergency medical response and marshaled the emergency transport of Ms. Hale to a nearby hospital by the Nashville Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hale's treating physicians declared the excellent first-aid response she received from her legislative colleagues, especially immediate availability of the epi-pen and proper administration of the medication, was in all likelihood responsible for saving her life; and

WHEREAS, the events surrounding this medical emergency of a few short weeks ago serve as a poignant reminder of the compassion, concern for others, citizenship, and common sense that characteristically prevail among the legislative staff and elected officials of the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is especially fitting that this body recognize the freshman representative of the 10th House District, giving him proper accolades for his high level of preparedness, decisive actions, and determination to aid another; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we applaud Representative Tilman Goins for his pivotal role in the life-saving aid rendered to Michelle Hale who was experiencing a life-threatening medical emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express great pride in the collective character and boundless kindness of all who aided and comforted Ms. Hale through her near-death experience.

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