

HOUSE RESOLUTION 116

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to commend Mahmud Brifkani for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Mahmud Brifkani is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Bob Ramsey, Representative Barrett Rich, and the House Health Committee; Mahmud's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Middle Tennessee State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mahmud Brifkani has achieved academic success while working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in International Relations and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including United Nations Student Alliance, Kurdish Achievers, Moot Court, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, graduating *magna cum laude* in May 2013, Mahmud Brifkani is no stranger to awards and accolades, having received the Meritorious Service Award-Moot Court, the Orator Award in regional Moot Court competition, the Leadership Pillar Award, the Center for Global Understanding Scholarship, and the Washington Center Scholarship from the Tennessee Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mahmud Brifkani brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2013 session of the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2013 legislative session, Mahmud Brifkani has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mahmud Brifkani has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commend Mahmud Brifkani for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Bob Ramsey, Representative Barrett Rich, and the House Health Committee 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.