

HOUSE RESOLUTION 117

By Sexton

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jason Sitton on his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.3 million Tennessee volunteers give over 99 million hours of community service, contributing \$2.6 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Jason Sitton of Cumberland County is one such exemplary person, who received the 2023 Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his ongoing commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, Jason Sitton is an essential volunteer and board member for We Are One Global, Inc., a Cumberland County nonprofit organization of which he has been a member since its inception in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sitton initially helped organize an event to provide Christmas presents for the underprivileged children of Cumberland County, and this project has since been expanded to include another event in August; and

WHEREAS, at the August 2023 community event, We Are One gave away some 150,000 pounds of groceries, valued at \$250,000, to serve 2,500 families; and

WHEREAS, We Are One also served 4,000 hot lunches at the event and handed out 5,000 pairs of shoes; and

WHEREAS, twenty hairstylists were on call to provide free haircuts; photographers took free family portraits; and various organizations offered career services, community services, and basic medical, vision, and dental screening assessments, all free of charge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sitton stated that We Are One's main goal in holding the community giveaway was "to promote hope by loving our neighbors as ourselves," and the event was a huge success in providing not only assistance, but also help, hope, and love, to the less fortunate among us; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sitton also organized a children's golf program in Crossville that eventually became the Cumberland County chapter of First Tee of Tennessee, a youth development organization that empowers kids to build their strength of character through the game of golf; and

WHEREAS, Jason Sitton goes above and beyond the call of duty not only by volunteering his time but also by being a critical organizer in the groups of which he is a member; and

WHEREAS, Jason Sitton is a model citizen; his commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Jason Sitton for his outstanding community leadership with We Are One Global, Inc., and other programs, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of the 2023 Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, 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.