

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Taylor Rowe on being named the
Hendersonville Standard's 2020 Citizen of the
Year.

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

WHEREAS, Taylor Rowe of Hendersonville is one such individual, who was recently recognized as the *Hendersonville Standard's* 2020 Citizen of the Year for her many philanthropic efforts in a year marred by tragedy and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, a surgical administrator for a local oral surgery practice, Ms. Rowe created Live Love Nashville in 2016; the 501(c)3 corporation sells t-shirts and other items to benefit children in need in the Nashville area, with 100 percent of the donations going to causes she promotes; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Ms. Rowe and Live Love Nashville showed the community how one person can truly make a difference by tapping into our most precious resource: each other; and

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2019, Master Patrol Officer Spencer Bristol, a former classmate of Ms. Rowe, was killed in the line of duty; she immediately sprang into action, with an initial goal of raising \$20,000 for his widow and young daughter. This goal was quickly shattered, and two local restaurants, Moby Dicky's and Sanders Ferry Pizza and Pub, soon joined in the fundraising efforts. Ultimately, Live Love Nashville raised more than \$146,000 for the Bristol family; and

WHEREAS, just days later, Ms. Rowe and Live Love Nashville raised more than \$10,000 for the funeral of nine-year-old Nevaeh Lewis, after Ms. Rowe posted on Facebook that the young girl deserved a proper funeral, burial, and headstone; and

WHEREAS, as spring turned to summer, Taylor Rowe continued to show up for Middle Tennessee residents in a myriad of ways, raising \$17,000 for tornado victims in East Nashville in March, presenting James Gill of the Sumner County Food Bank with a check for \$12,000 in April, and donating 15,536 bottles of water to the Nashville Rescue Mission in June; and

WHEREAS, in July, Live Love Nashville raised money and collected household supplies for Rescue 1 Global, a sex trafficking safe house for minors in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, also that month, the family of retired Hendersonville Police Department Lieutenant Jim Lawson received a check from Live Love Nashville in the amount of \$31,000 after he passed away in April from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Rowe and her friends delivered food and snack items to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home in Brentwood in August, and the following month, she challenged 100 people to each donate \$10.00 to provide sleeping bags to the homeless community in Nashville, ultimately raising more than \$1,600; and

WHEREAS, at the end of 2020, Ms. Rowe stepped up to save Christmas for 400 local families; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rowe and Live Love Nashville have twice been featured on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, and Ms. Rowe was also named a recipient of the inaugural Sam Walton Volunteer Service Award in September 2020; and

WHEREAS, while Taylor Rowe has long been an important part of her community, in 2020, her philanthropy profoundly impacted the lives of Hendersonville residents and the greater Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rowe epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Taylor Rowe for her many contributions to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Taylor Rowe on being named the *Hendersonville Standard's* 2020 Citizen of the Year, thank her for her tireless efforts to help improve the lives of others, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and happiness.

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.