

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 182

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor Rhett Pratt upon his exemplary service to the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those invaluable legislative employees who have performed with unwavering devotion and enthusiasm throughout their tenure with the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Rhett Pratt is one such estimable professional, who has rendered sterling service from the commencement of his employment by the Senate in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a master's degree in public policy and administration from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2012 and 2014, respectively; and

WHEREAS, from 2014 to 2019, he served as a legislative assistant to Senator Steve Dickerson, having previously served as an intern in the Tennessee Secretary of State's office in 2013; and

WHEREAS, during his time with Senator Dickerson, he served as staff for the Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Investigations and Oversight subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Rhett Pratt further distinguished himself in his role as a research analyst for the Senate State and Local Government Committee from 2019 to 2021, in which capacity he prepared analysis and material for committees and, working within the legislative process, shared guidance on legislation; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as the research analyst for the Senate State and Local Government Committee, Rhett was known for his belly-slapping work ethic that often found him burning the midnight oil; and

WHEREAS, since 2021, Mr. Pratt served with distinction as a legislative budget specialist in the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis, conducting in-depth analysis of budgetary matters for the legislature in the policy fields of education, higher education, and capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, although he recently departed these hallowed halls to work for the Tennessee Municipal League, or as his colleagues call it, "the dark side," he and his former colleagues are most grateful for his years of conscientious and devoted service; and

WHEREAS, his affable demeanor and "cheesy" humor bring joy to all those around him; and

WHEREAS, for some inexplicit reason, it seems impossible for his vehicle to travel any faster than five miles per hour under the posted speed limit; and

WHEREAS, the medical community should study Mr. Pratt for his superhuman ability to withstand and enjoy the spicy heat of any pepper; and

WHEREAS, one of the University of Tennessee Volunteers' most optimistic football fans, Mr. Pratt has a passion for the Vols and the Nashville Predators that comes second only to his love for Taco Bell; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to the ups and downs in life, Rhett Pratt has an incredible outlook on life that turns every "down" into an "up"; and

WHEREAS, Rhett Pratt has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues and the members of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Rhett Pratt is known far and wide as genuinely one of the nicest men to have graced our beloved capitol hill; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Rhett Pratt for his exemplary service to the Tennessee General Assembly and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

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.