

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 303

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to commend Matthew Meinel 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, Matthew Meinel is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Jack Johnson; Matthew's work has been instrumental to the efficient operation of Senator Johnson's office and has resulted in innumerable benefits for the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Vanderbilt University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Matthew has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science and History and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Matthew's estimable leadership skills enabled him to serve as the Secretary of State and House Delegate with the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL), where he adeptly sought sponsors for a bill backed by TISL and skillfully testified before the House and Senate Education Committees concerning the proposed legislation; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Matthew brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2011 session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, before beginning his tenure at the Tennessee General Assembly, Matthew had already amassed a great body of work experience, including service as a Legislative Intern for Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn and as the Video Manager for Vanderbilt University's Women's Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Matthew made the Dean's List in the Fall of 2009 and the Spring of 2010 and is a valued member of both the Alpha Lambda Delta and the Phi Eta Sigma honorary societies; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2011 legislative session, Matthew has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Matthew Meinel for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Jack Johnson 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.