

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 311

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to commend Kara Elise Gallagher 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, Kara Elise Gallagher is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Jim Tracy; Kara's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, born on October 12, 1989, in Memphis, Tennessee, Kara Gallagher is the devoted daughter of Paul and Lisa Gallagher and loving sister of Greg Gallagher; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Kara is highly regarded by her peers and has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Model United Nations and SGA Government Affairs; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ms. Gallagher is the recipient of both the Hope and Volunteer Scholarships; and

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

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

WHEREAS, she has distinguished herself as Senator Tracy's loyal and efficient Legislative Aide, offering her time and expertise to help him and his staff during the Legislative

Session, even orchestrating a full bait and switch tactical operation to cleverly evade the attention of a local news reporter; and

WHEREAS, affectionately referred to as “Kar-Bear” or “Karalufugus” because of her lively and caring personality, Ms. Gallagher cheerfully supplied the office with hot Caribou coffee throughout the day and selflessly offered to make multiple copies of 150-page packets for the Senate Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gallagher has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum, exemplifying an indomitable spirit and unmatched skill that have garnered her the respect of her fellow staff members and legislators; 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 Kara Elise Gallagher for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Jim Tracy and extend to her 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.