

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 367

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor Tim Sigler for his exemplary service to Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally and the members of the Senate.

WHEREAS, for nearly ten years, Tim Sigler worked for Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally at many and various tasks and in different positions but always demonstrated the greatest acumen and alacrity no matter the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sigler has departed these hallowed halls to serve as assistant vice president of government relations and advocacy for the University of Tennessee, and he has certainly been missed by his former colleagues and Senate leadership, if they have noticed that he is gone at all; and

WHEREAS, Tim began his legislative career as a lowly intern for the Senate Transportation Committee and then worked as an even lowlier Senate bill clerk; and

WHEREAS, Senate leadership was duly impressed by this extensive résumé and hired Mr. Sigler as the research analyst for the Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee; under Chairman McNally's tutelage, he quickly learned the intricacies of the legislative process and the State budget as he soaked up knowledge and wisdom at the feet of the Defender of Fiscal Responsibility, the Conscience of the Senate, and the Retired Pharmacist from Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, after five years of doling out pork and nodding off during budget hearings, Tim Sigler joined Senator McNally in his ascension to the throne of Speaker of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor, and Master of the Universe; and

WHEREAS, first as executive assistant for policy and research and then as senior legislative advisor to Lt. Gov. McNally, Mr. Sigler gained expertise in member and stakeholder

relations, legislative research, and policy formulation; he specialized in making members and lobbyists happy, but not often at the same time; and

WHEREAS, while deftly promoting the goals set forth by Lt. Gov. McNally and Senate leadership, Tim quickly joined a tough private eye, a notable oil magnate, a famous rap artist, and the legendary Hank Aaron in bearing the name of "Hammer"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sigler earned this nickname not for his prowess as a home-run hitter, but because he was often delegated the unpleasant task of telling members about the imminent death of their legislation; when Senators saw Tim approaching their office, their hearts filled with dread because they knew it was "Hammer Time"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sigler also served as the staff representative of the Lieutenant Governor on the Building Commission, where his considerable knowledge of Legos finally paid off; shared his legislative experience with the Shared State Legislation Committee of the Council of State Governments; and cast out illness as a member of the Legislative Sick Leave Bank Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, all humor and bombast aside, Tim Sigler was an excellent legislative employee who served Lt. Gov. McNally and the members of the Senate with uncommon dedication and proficiency and, most importantly, a calm and affable demeanor; 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 honor and commend Tim Sigler for his exemplary service to Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally and the Senate and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success as assistant vice president of government relations and advocacy for the University of Tennessee.

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.