

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 379

By Overbey

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

WHEREAS, her many outstanding qualities have shone throughout her internship, which is her second in service to the office of Senator Overbey. In addition to her work during the 2013 legislative session, Ms. Sharafi also rendered sterling service during the 2009 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, Sahar Sharafi earned an Associate of Science degree from Southwest Tennessee Community College and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Memphis before attending the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Grand Rapids, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, an eager and dedicated student, Sahar Sharafi earned a Dean's List Certificate in law school, where she participated as a valued member of a number of organizations, including the International Law Society, the Federal Bar Association, and The Federalist Society, and she participated in an Alternative Dispute Resolution competition; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to serving the highest tenets of the law, Ms. Sharafi provided *pro bono* services to Degagé Ministries and low income individuals while attending law school; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Sahar Sharafi brought her many

abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2013 session of the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2013 legislative session, Ms. Sharafi has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, she has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Sahar Sharafi for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Doug Overbey 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.