

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 545

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to commend Charles Brett Martin 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, Charles Brett Martin is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Bill Ketron; Brett's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable young man with a miraculous story, Mr. Martin sustained a traumatic brain injury in 2003 as the result of a horrible traffic accident and was not expected to live; and

WHEREAS, after awaking up from a coma, Mr. Martin was unable to walk, talk, read, write, or swallow, and he was told that he would never again have any quality of life; and

WHEREAS, summoning the deepest faith, courage, and determination, Brett started his life over, attending numerous rehabilitation facilities and programs and receiving countless hours of therapy on his way to recovery; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the Tennessee Vocational Rehabilitation Center in Smyrna, he currently attends college at Middle Tennessee State University and is highly regarded by his peers and faculty; and

WHEREAS, since beginning his journey down the path of recovery, Brett has realized that life is truly a precious gift, and with his amiable attitude, affable smile, enduring personality, and gentlemanly nature, he is a blessing and pleasure to all who know him; and

WHEREAS, Brett is a gifted motivational speaker and has served as Vanderbilt's spokesman for the Clinic Bowl; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Brett Martin brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2009 session of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, leaving an indelible mark on the 2009 Legislative Intern Class, Mr. Martin is always on the move with a smile on his face, performing his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2009 legislative session, Mr. Martin has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern and Senator Ketron and his staff wish to thank him for his outstanding work; and

WHEREAS, Brett Martin possesses remarkable patience, hope, and a determination to beat the odds, and he is not only an inspiration to all he meets, but a shining example of all that is good and worthy in the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Charles Brett Martin for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Bill Ketron, applaud him for his tremendous faith, courage, and determination, 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.