

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 599

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor James Clark for his humanitarian service as a member of the Tennessee National Guard.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as talented, compassionate, and extraordinary leaders of who we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, James Clark is one such estimable civil servant of the Department of Environment and Conservation of the State of Tennessee, where he is a geologist in the Columbia Environmental Field Office of the Division of Solid Waste Management; and

WHEREAS, simultaneously, James Clark serves as a 1st Lieutenant with the Tennessee National Guard as a member of the 775th Engineering Detachment in Jackson, and he is presently on the cusp of completing a deployment with the 775th on a humanitarian mission in the nation of Ethiopia; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Clark is superbly suited for this mission, the purpose of which has been to provide the people of Ethiopia with clean, reliable drinking water by drilling drinking wells in three sites, Dube, Elahmar, and Marbis, which have all lacked access to this essential resource; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Clark has served as project leader and officer-in-charge of a 22-man team, and his professional skills in the industry, his highly respected military leadership abilities, and his diplomacy working with the indigenous population have been monumental in garnering acceptance and appreciation from the approximately 4,500 local villagers who will benefit from the successful installation of the three drinking wells; and

WHEREAS, as an employee of the Department of Environment and Conservation, James Clark has worked diligently to protect and improve the quality of air, land, and water resources in Tennessee which are so enjoyed and relied upon by its citizens; and

WHEREAS, through his volunteer service with the Tennessee National Guard, Lt. Clark has extended his service boundaries and aided in providing a higher quality of life for the people of Ethiopia by making reliable and clean drinking water accessible; and

WHEREAS, James Clark is a dedicated public servant whose good works have served the greater good of the people of his Maury County community, this state, and certain international destinations in third-world countries far, far away; and

WHEREAS, he embodies the true volunteer spirit of a Tennessean, and it is fitting and timely that this legislative body recognize him at this time; 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 recognize and honor James Clark as a public servant of the State of Tennessee and as a soldier in service to this Nation and other needful nations to whom the safety and benevolence of the United States is extended. The best wishes of this body for success in every future endeavor are bestowed upon James Clark at this time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.