

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 626

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Adia Bulawa upon her selection as one of the Appalachian Highlands Twenty Under 20.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Adia Bulawa, a senior at Greeneville High School, is one such exceptional student, who was recently named one of the Appalachian Highlands Twenty Under 20 for her achievements in academics, community service, leadership, and entrepreneurial endeavors; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by Streamworks, the Appalachian Highlands Twenty Under 20 are selected from more than 100 nominees who reside in East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, and Western North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Bulawa has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular activities, including student council, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, and the golf and tennis teams; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished scientist, she has had two of her experiments conducted on the International Space Station: "Staying Healthy in Space" was part of the 2018 national Guardians of the Galaxy Space Station Challenge and tested whether dental glue exposed to ultraviolet light would be suitable for use in repairing a broken tooth or lost filling in microgravity conditions; in 2015, she and her two older sisters devised an experiment that involved using centripetal force to water plants in a hydroponic garden; and

WHEREAS, Adia Bulawa was the 2016 national grand prize winner in Rocket21's Journey to Mars challenge for her idea of exercise equipment for astronauts that would perform other needed tasks aboard a spacecraft; and

WHEREAS, her display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a civil engineering student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bulawa's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Adia Bulawa's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Adia Bulawa upon her selection as one of the Appalachian Highlands Twenty Under 20 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.