

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 638

By Akbari

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Dr. Alexander A. Akbari.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those medical professionals who seek to edify themselves and gain practical experience in order to best serve those patients under their charge; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Dr. Alexander A. Akbari, referred to fondly as "Dr. Alex," who will complete his residency program in pediatric dentistry on June 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a Tennessee native, Dr. Alexander Akbari was born in Memphis and grew up in Middle Tennessee, where he graduated from the Williamson County public school system; and

WHEREAS, he earned his undergraduate degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 2011, after spending thirteen months during his sophomore year as a domestic exchange scholar at Stanford University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Akbari received highly competitive academic scholarships in both college and dental school; he graduated from Meharry School of Dentistry in 2016, having twice been elected vice president of his class; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his scholastic achievements, Dr. Alexander Akbari is an accomplished multi-sport athlete: during high school, his undefeated rugby team won the state championship, and he continued playing rugby at the college level while at Stanford; and

WHEREAS, he has parlayed his love of sports into serving as a volunteer coach for youth basketball, and his love of working with young people led him to a specialization in pediatric dentistry; and

WHEREAS, as a New York University pediatric dental resident, Dr. Akbari is currently gaining invaluable clinical and didactic experience in areas including pediatric oral sedation, treatment under general anesthesia, behavior management, and orthodontics under the guidance of board certified pediatric dentists and orthodontists; and

WHEREAS, in everything he does, Dr. Alexander Akbari exhibits a strong work ethic; he is committed to long-term success and has been empowered and motivated by his distinctive experiences, commitment to service and community, and relationships with underserved populations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Akbari is a professional and public-spirited individual of the highest order, and he is poised to make significant contributions in his hometown of Nashville as a board certified pediatric dentist; 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 recognize and congratulate Dr. Alexander A. Akbari upon his completion of the pediatric dental residency at New York University, wishing him much success as he embarks upon what is sure to be an impressive career.

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