

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 688

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to commend Patrick J. Crawford 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, Patrick J. Crawford is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland and the Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Mr. Crawford's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford has been an invaluable resource, and he has exceptional skill with troubleshooting technology issues. He also has excellent communication skills that have helped him serve the constituents of Senate District 1. His effort drafting summaries and organizing bill books for the Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee enabled meetings to run efficiently. Mr. Crawford's work ethic is excellent as he anticipates the needs of the office and takes initiative. He has a positive attitude about all tasks, is very respectful and polite, and always takes responsibility for the quality and timeliness of his work. His ability to participate in clerical work and learn quickly has helped the office run smoothly. He is especially appreciated for his ability to keep a calm head when faced with the disposal of several millipedes; and

WHEREAS, a student at Bethel University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Crawford has achieved academic success while majoring in criminal justice and participating in numerous extracurricular activities. He served as Vice President of the Bethel University Student Government Association; Greek Council President of SGA; Treasurer on the Greek Council Executive Committee; Founding President of the Pi Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi

Sigma Criminal Justice National Honor Society; lawyer on Bethel University's AMC3 Team that made semi finals in Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature; Secretary, President, and Chairman of the Phi Delta Sigma Fraternity Executive Council; and President of the Bethel University Rotaract Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford is no stranger to awards and honors; he received the Bethel University Presidential Honors Scholarship, the Laddie H. Lollar Scholarship, and the Governor Ned McWherter Scholarship for Leadership; and

WHEREAS, his mother, Nicole Crawford, his father, John Crawford, and his siblings, Meagan Bemis, Brittany Crawford, and John Crawford are proud of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford is grateful for the support he receives from Kaitlin Ladd and her family, as well as members of the Phi Delta Sigma Fraternity: Landon Hardison, Tyler Lindsey, Joshua Shaw, Scott Edgar, and Adam Stevens. Mr. Crawford also counts Dr. Hector Tato as his biggest mentor and one of his closest friends; and

WHEREAS, not to be forgotten is Mr. Crawford's appreciation for the companionship of his English Bulldog, Bugaboo; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford desires to continue serving the citizens of the great state of Tennessee by one day working in public policy, the judicial branch, or law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Crawford brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2016 session of the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2016 legislative session, Mr. Crawford has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Patrick J. Crawford for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland and the Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee 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.