

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 712

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Tennessee Chapter's 2014 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such group of individuals is the thirty men and women who have been selected as the members of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Tennessee Chapter's 2014 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30; and

WHEREAS, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is the world's leader in the search for a cure for cystic fibrosis (CF) and a non-profit, donor-supported organization dedicated to attacking cystic fibrosis from every possible angle; and

WHEREAS, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has as its central tenets supporting the development of new drugs to fight the disease, improving the quality of life for those with CF, and, ultimately, discovering a cure; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is an outstanding arm of this important organization, going above and beyond the call of duty to extend a helping hand to Tennesseans with CF who are in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Tennessee Chapter selects thirty individuals for its annual class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30, which recognizes business professionals throughout Middle Tennessee for their leadership qualities, volunteerism, and business endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30 includes: Allison Reichenbach, Bethany Whelan, Blake Wilson, Bobbie Jo Meredith, Britnie Turner, Brittany Schaffer, Chase Cowden, Chelsea Frazer Robinson, Chris Brashear, David Pemberton, Dede

Bearden, Ellen Green, Ellen Hammer, Erika King, Grant Jarnigan, Heather McDonald, Jeff Snyder, Jenny Matthews, Kaley Lynn Drew, Kristen Parker, Luke Gustafson, Martha Willis, Meagan Rhodes, Megan Brearey, Megan Turner, Michael Crimmins, Michelle Lowe, Mollie Gass, Rebecca Ozols, and Whitney Kimerling; and

WHEREAS, Allison Reichenbach is a native of St. Louis, Missouri, who earned a bachelor's degree from Princeton University before attending law school at Vanderbilt. Following her graduation from that august university, Mrs. Reichenbach worked as a plaintiff's attorney for the law offices of Woods and Woods before becoming the director of special projects for FormFast. She is member of both the Junior League of Nashville and the Nashville Pi Beta Phi Alumni Club; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Vanderbilt University, Bethany Whelan worked for Pfizer, Inc., for two years before returning to Vanderbilt to attend law school, after which she embarked upon a career as a patent attorney at Wadley and Patterson, P.C., in Nashville. This Kentucky native volunteers her time as a music therapy volunteer for cancer patients, and is a valued member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Young Lawyers Division of the Nashville Bar Association, and is a member of the American Bar Association, among many others; and

WHEREAS, originally from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Blake Wilson is a graduate of Vanderbilt University who joined INSBANK as a commercial credit analyst before becoming the bank's assistant vice president and relationship manager. He is now INSBANK's vice president and the head of TMA Medical Banking and is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of Management. Mr. Wilson dedicates his time and energies to a number of civic endeavors, including serving on the board for the Nashville Junior Chamber and the Young Professionals Board for the Special Olympics of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Jo Meredith is an employee of Schneider Electric, where she has earned the respect of her peers for her dedication to working with integrity, passion, and professionalism. She volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and the National Girls Collaborative Project, which educates young girls about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Britnie Turner is the founder and president of the Aerial Development Group, Nashville's fastest-growing residential and commercial real estate renovation and development company, which she founded at a young age with the goal of raising funds for overseas orphanages. Through her entrepreneurial success, Aerial Development is able to contribute much more to society and now participates in the revitalization of local communities. Ms. Turner is a licensed Real Estate Agent in Tennessee, holding her license through Cloud Realty; and

WHEREAS, an attorney with Loeb and Loeb, LLP, Brittany Schaffer earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, graduating *magna cum laude*, from Vanderbilt University before earning her Juris Doctor degree, also *magna cum laude*, from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, where she served as the editor-in-chief of the *Cumberland Law Review*. A leader in her community, she holds leadership positions with the Antiques and Garden Show of Nashville, Society of Leaders in Development, the Tennessee Bar Association Sports and Entertainment Committee, the Wilson County Young Republicans, and the I'll Fly Away Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Chase Cowden, employed by Custom Packaging in Lebanon, is the third-generation contributor to this family-owned packaging business. A graduate of the University of Alabama, where he earned a degree in business management with a focus on entrepreneurship, Mr. Cowden has participated on numerous boards and committees for nonprofit organizations and is currently actively involved with United Way of Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Frazer Robinson is an interior designer and the owner of Chelsea Robinson Interiors. She graduated *cum laude* from the University of Alabama and in 2008, and launched the highly successful Chelsea Robinson Interiors. She is a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church and serves her community through her involvement with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Friends of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee, which she co-founded in 2009. She is also a member of the American Society of Interior Designers and the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art; and

WHEREAS, brand marketer and technology enthusiast Chris Brashear is a digital marketing strategist who launched his first online community at the age of fifteen. He is a graduate of Tennessee Technological University and the Scarlett Leadership Institute's

Emerging Leaders program, and most recently spent four years as the Digital Marketing Strategist for Bridgestone Americas. Mr. Brashear is involved with a number of organizations, including SocialMedia.org, Social Media Club Nashville, and Digital Nashville, and is active in the United Way; and

WHEREAS, David Pemberton, a Risk Advisor at Marsh, is an experienced business development and account management professional with a successful track record of partnering with organizations to provide innovative risk management and insurance solutions, a role in which he collaborates with his clients to craft risk management programs that give them competitive advantages in their market spaces. Mr. Pemberton is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, from which he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Dede Bearden graduated from the College of Charleston in 2012 and currently serves as the marketing and events manager for the Sexual Assault Center, a role to which she commits her commendable empathy and communication skills to better the lives of those in need; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Green is an associate with Diversified Trust, and she is integrally involved with the firm's financial advisory services. Ms. Green is a native of Nashville who graduated *cum laude* from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance. She is an active volunteer with The Next Door, and serves on The W.O. Smith Music School Junior Advisory Board, The Junior League of Nashville, and the Young Leaders Council; and

WHEREAS, Nashvillian Ellen Hammer graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2010 and then worked as a Financial Services Specialist at Regions Bank before embarking upon her current career path as an insurance producer at Martin and Zerfoss, Inc. Ms. Hammer is a three-year member of The Junior League of Nashville, for which she serves as the Project Chair and Volunteer Coordinator for Renewal House; and

WHEREAS, a four-year doctor of dental surgery candidate at Meharry Medical College and a National Dental Association Foundation Colgate Palmolive Scholar, Erika King rendered sterling service as a health care representative for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals prior to entering

dental school. While enrolled at Meharry, Ms. King has upheld the highest tenets of scholarship and service. Committed to serving her community, she has led fundraising efforts for the student general scholarship fund and performs free oral health screenings for the Nashville refugee population; and

WHEREAS, Grant Jarnigan, Director of Investor Relations and Strategic Planning for Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc., previously served as an investment banking associate for Harpeth Capital. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from Western Kentucky University and currently volunteers his time with Preston Taylor Ministries, which confronts the many issues facing the residents of the Preston Taylor community, such as drug use, gang involvement, teenage pregnancy, crime, and illiteracy; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lebanon, Heather McDonald graduated *cum laude* from Lipscomb University after completing the nursing partnership with Lipscomb and Vanderbilt universities. After serving as a nurse at Recovery Ranch, Ms. McDonald joined Centennial Medical Center and is currently a member of the Medical/Surgical Intensive Care Unit. A civic-minded individual, she is a member of a number of community organizations, including the Nashville Junior Chamber, the Young Leaders Council, and Leadership Healthcare, among many others. Heather McDonald has returned to the classroom and is currently enrolled at Tennessee State University in pursuit of a Master of Nursing degree; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Snyder is the co-founder and vice president of sales and marketing for Clariture, a growth marketing platform for hospitals and health systems. He has three years of sales experience in health care information technology solutions and previously co-founded Big Vision Events. Mr. Snyder is a native of Nashville, earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia, and received his Master of Business Administration degree in Health Care Management from Belmont University's Massey School of Business in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Nashville native Jenny Matthews received a Bachelor of Science degree from Belmont University in 2005, and currently serves as the executive director for the Tennessee Society of Association Executives. Ms. Matthews also serves on the Leadership Council of the Arthritis Foundation for Middle Tennessee, is a 2011 graduate of Nashville's

Young Leaders Council, and is actively involved with Achilles International, the Shepard Center Society, and the Center for Nonprofit Management; and

WHEREAS, Kaley Lynn Drew is the owner of Couture Crush, which she opened in September 2011 in downtown Clarksville. A 2011 graduate of Austin Peay State University, from which she earned a degree in business with an emphasis in marketing, Ms. Drew provides Clarksville residents with fresh designs, excellent customer service, and personal style advice, both at the boutique and through her Couture Crush fashion blog; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Parker, a native of Evansville, Indiana, earned a nursing degree from Indiana University and is currently enrolled in graduate school in pursuit of two master's degrees. After first working as a registered nurse in the pediatric burn unit of Riley Hospital for Children, Ms. Parker joined the staff of the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, rendering sterling service as a member of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit; and

WHEREAS, Luke Gustafson has served as the Research Analyst for the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee of the Tennessee General Assembly since 2011. Raised in Hendersonville, Mr. Gustafson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Tennessee in 2007. He has worked for Senator Johnson in the 105th through 108th General Assemblies. A leader in his profession and his community, Mr. Gustafson is a mentor with tnAchieves and president of the Nashville Alumni Association of Phi Kappa Psi; and

WHEREAS, as the Volunteer Coordinator for Preston Taylor Ministries, Martha Willis utilizes her abilities to sustain and grow the staff of volunteers who serve the many needs of the Preston Taylor public housing area. A native of Jackson, Ms. Willis moved to Nashville in 2009, and she currently sits on the council of the Volunteer Administrators Network through Hands On Nashville and dedicates her time and energies in service through her church, Midtown Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Meagan Rhodes, who moved to Nashville in 2005 to study oboe performance at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music, embarked upon a career in journalism and the arts in 2009 when she joined the staff of *Nashville Arts Magazine*. Last year, Ms. Rhodes helped launch 12th and Broad, and she currently serves as the company's community manager. A devoted member of her community, Meagan Rhodes is a board

member of the Nashville Jazz Orchestra, sits on the Young Professionals Council of the Tennessee State Museum, and is a charter member of the Nashville Style Collective; and

WHEREAS, after earning a bachelor's degree in accountancy from Miami University of Ohio and a Master of Business Administration degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, Megan Brearey joined Fifth Third Bank in 2011. She now serves as a large corporate relationship manager for Fifth Third's National Healthcare Group. Ms. Brearey also renders sterling service as a member of Leadership Health Care and a board member of the Miami University Nashville Alumni Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Nashville native and University of Alabama graduate Megan Turner is the Director of Marketing at Ajax Turner Company, Inc., a family-owned beverage distribution company. She became the fourth-generation family member to join the company when she returned home from Washington, D.C., in 2011. Ms. Turner is actively involved in her community, holding membership in Greenways for Nashville, for which she is currently serving her third year on its board, and she co-chairs the Richland Creek Run; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Athens, Georgia, Michael Crimmins now lives in Clarksville. He chose to remain in the area after serving more than four years as a member of the United States Army, during which time he was stationed at Fort Campbell. Mr. Crimmins is a valued employee at Clarksville Guns & Archery; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Lowe is a software quality engineer at Schneider Electric, and she also serves as a member of Schneider Electric's internal leadership development organization, Leadership Generation, and of the "Cool Sites" Team. In her work with Schneider, Ms. Lowe has been instrumental in securing a grant to support the Refugee Youth Mentoring Program. She has also been involved in a number of civic and community organizations, including the Nashville Citizens Climate Lobby, Habitat for Humanity, Alley Cat Advocates, and Helping Hands of Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, an attorney who works as Assistant General Counsel with the Office of General Counsel for the Tennessee Department of Health, Mollie Gass previously worked as an assistant to health care attorneys at Cornelius and Collins, LLP, while she pursued her law degree at the Nashville School of Law. Ms. Gass provides pro bono legal services to women in

recovery programs, co-chairs the Nashville Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Board's homeless committee, and is a member of the Lawyers Association for Women, Marion Griffin Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Ozols is a third-year teacher for Metro Public Schools and sponsors the cheerleading squad, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the yearbook, and the talent show at her school. Ms. Ozols also serves as a tutor for Hispanic women in the community studying English as a Second Language; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Henry Kimerling is an associate attorney in the Nashville office of Lewis Thomason. Ms. Kimerling graduated from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, where she was a Caruthers Fellow. While in law school, she was awarded the Rodney M. Max Mediation Fellowship, earned several Scholar of Merit distinctions, and served as President of the Tennessee Student Bar Association. Whitney Kimerling earned an undergraduate degree in human and organizational development, *magna cum laude*, from Vanderbilt University, and she is admitted to practice in both Tennessee and Alabama; and

WHEREAS, these thirty individuals epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the 2014 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30 for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; 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 hereby honor and commend the members of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30, class of 2014, for their meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to them 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.