

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 854

By Green

A RESOLUTION to commend Aaron Sorenson for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Sorenson is one such individual, who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Mark Green; Mr. Sorenson's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for Vice-Chair Green, the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee, and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, with an unwavering sense of duty and patriotism, Aaron Sorenson honorably served in the United States Army as an operations supervisor at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and as an infantryman/administrative supervisor at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; he served one combat deployment in Afghanistan and two combat deployments in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sorenson has been certified in the Cadre Training Course, the Air Load Planners Course, the Modern Army Combative Program Level 1, and the Combat Lifesaver (Advanced First Aid) Course; he also received a diploma in the Warriors Leader Course and the Basic Combat Training One Station Unit Training; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Aaron Sorenson received the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, the Iraq Campaign Medal with three Campaign Stars, the Army Commendation Medal (fifth award), the Army Achievement Medal (fourth award), the Army Good Conduct Medal (third award), the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the NATO Medal; and

WHEREAS, he also received the Meritorious Unit Commendation (third award), the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the

Overseas Service Ribbon (fourth award), the Combat Infantry Badge, the Expert Marksmanship Badge with Rifle Bar, the Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-Wheeled Vehicle(s) Clasp, and a Certificate of Achievement (third award); and

WHEREAS, currently a student at Austin Peay State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Aaron Sorenson has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and public management; and

WHEREAS, while attending Austin Peay, Mr. Sorenson has participated in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Pre-Law Society and Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Aaron Sorenson brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2018 session of the One Hundred Tenth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2018 legislative session, he has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Sorenson has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Aaron Sorenson for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Mark Green 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.