

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1164

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor Robert Jonathan Doyle Springer upon his exemplary service to the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those valuable legislative employees who have performed with unwavering devotion and enthusiasm throughout their tenure with the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Robert Jonathan Doyle Springer, the former Senior Legislative Advisor to Senator Ken Yager, is one such estimable professional, who has rendered extraordinary service since joining the Senate in March 2019; and

WHEREAS, originally hailing from the State of Alabama, Mr. Springer embarked on his educational journey at Friendship Christian School and graduated from Wilson Central High School, where he weathered the many concussions of life with resilience and fortitude; and

WHEREAS, despite loyalties to Auburn University, Jonathan Springer came to his senses and attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he sometimes studied agriculture, food, and agricultural business but excelled as a member of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the University, Mr. Springer's mastery of the guitar and his luscious, flowing locks became legendary among University co-eds, who undoubtedly found themselves basking in the sunshine of both his melodious chords and the golden strands of his hair; and

WHEREAS, during his undergraduate career, Mr. Springer served as a legislative intern with the Alabama Law Institute, collaborating closely with the chairmen of the Insurance,

Economic Development, and Tourism Committee and the Agriculture and Forestry Committee;  
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WHEREAS, after receiving his Bachelor of Science from the University of Tennessee, Mr. Springer managed and consulted on various political campaigns in Tennessee and Alabama before working for several years as a buyer for the Performance Food Group in Lebanon, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, upon his arrival at the Tennessee General Assembly, Jonathan Springer served as the Legislative Assistant to Senator Paul Rose, swiftly immersing himself in the intricacies of the Senate and distinguishing himself among his peers through his keen acumen and unwavering commitment; and

WHEREAS, upon departing from his role as Legislative Assistant to Senator Paul Rose, Mr. Springer diligently embarked on a quest to look long and hard for the ideal successor, one to whom he could proudly pass the torch and one whom he would come to mentor and advise for years into the future; and

WHEREAS, his healthy dose of skepticism toward an unchecked government served the Senate well in his role as the Research Analyst for the Senate Government Operations Committee under the direction of Chairman Kerry Roberts, scrutinizing governmental intricacies and upholding accountability and efficiency with unwavering resolve; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Springer embarked on his most challenging assignment as the Senior Legislative Advisor to Senate Republican Caucus Chairman Ken Yager in September 2021, where he not only excelled in guiding legislation through the lawmaking process, but quickly became inseparable from Chairman Yager, kindly earning the title "my bodyguard"; and

WHEREAS, early in his distinguished service as a member of leadership staff, Mr. Springer earned a reputation among his colleagues as the aficionado of the humble windowsill of suite 702, frequently perched there with a blend of grace and nonchalance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Springer's generous spirit extended beyond the halls of the legislature, as evidenced by his heartfelt tradition of spreading cheer through thoughtful gift-giving among his esteemed Senate colleagues, a practice particularly cherished during the festive season of Christmas, when his gestures of kindness illuminated the spirit of camaraderie and good will; and

WHEREAS, beyond his legislative acumen, Mr. Springer's talents extend to the realm of woodworking; he skillfully crafts unique furnishings for friends and family, reflecting his dedication to craftsmanship and his knack for turning something ordinary into the extraordinary; and

WHEREAS, as his term of servitude drew to a close, the time had come for Mr. Springer to venture to new horizons and greater endeavors and bid a bitter farewell to his cherished Senate family; and

WHEREAS, at the end of 2023, he joined "the dark side" as the Legislative Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, quickly sharing with his new colleagues his valuable skillset of improvisations and somersaults that provided much joy to the members and staff alike of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Springer has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the members of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, mournful of Mr. Springer's recent departure from these hallowed halls, we extend our heartfelt wishes for the enduring impact of his service to the State of Tennessee, expecting nothing less than greatness given the sterling service he has rendered to this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Robert Jonathan Doyle Springer for outstanding service to the Tennessee General Assembly 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.