

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1235

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to commend Jason C. Parker 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, Jason C. Parker is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland and the Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee; Mr. Parker's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, raised in Ithaca, New York, Jason Parker served with the courage and conviction of a true patriot for seven years as a distinguished member of the United States Army, rendering sterling service in both Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, while on active duty in Frankfurt, Germany, Mr. Parker listened to his entrepreneurial spirit and successfully owned and operated a computer assembly and sales small business; and

WHEREAS, after completing his military service, Jason Parker decided to expand his horizons and became a nationally registered Journeyman Electrician, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and customers alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a senior at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Jason Parker has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Parker brought his many abilities

and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2010 session of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2010 legislative session, this remarkable individual has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, responsible for working with constituents, composing a weekly summary for Senator Southerland's local newspapers, and ensuring that the Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee runs smoothly, Jason's intelligence and dependability, as well as his attention to detail, are greatly appreciated by the legislators, staff, and his fellow interns; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Parker is humbled and grateful for the love and support he consistently receives from his wife, Margaret E.W. Parker, and his in-laws, David and Linda Wilhoite; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jason C. Parker for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland and the Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism 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.