

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1236

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to commend Colin Williams 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, Colin Williams is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Joe M. Haynes; Colin's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for Senator Haynes and his staff and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the son of proud parents, Wade Williams and Kathy Williams, Colin has one sister, Morgan, a physical therapist, former swimmer and gymnast, and "Colin's favorite form of communication"; and

WHEREAS, born March 4, 1986 in Knoxville, Colin attended Rocky Hill Elementary school and graduated from West High School, where he played percussion in the orchestra and snare drum in the school's marching band; and

WHEREAS, he also served with distinction as President of the Marketing Club, was a member of DECA, and played on the varsity tennis team for four years; and

WHEREAS, a gifted shortstop, point guard, and competitive swimmer since his elementary school days, Colin also played on a Junior Davis Cup tennis team and worked at the Racquet Club during his high school years in various positions, including desk manager, racquet stringer, head life guard, and pool manager; and

WHEREAS, although he once possessed a lightning serve and a powerful baseline game, Colin counts as the highlight of his tennis career the occasion when he watched Maria Sharipova warm up at the U.S. Open; and

WHEREAS, Colin has earned his bachelor's degree from East Tennessee State University, where he was highly regarded by his peers and professors; he achieved academic success while earning a degree in Business with an emphasis in Accounting and Human Resources and also participating in several extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, while attending college, Colin worked part-time, was Vice President of Buccaneers Against Drunk Driving, a local chapter of University Mothers Against Drunk Driving (UMADD), and was selected to attend the organization's leadership conference in Orlando; and

WHEREAS, he was also a valuable member of a very competitive kickball team and participated in other intramural sports, and his parents have the emergency room bills to prove it; and

WHEREAS, Colin was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, in which he held the offices of Vice President for Development and Director of Risk Management; he was also selected to attend an SAE Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding young man served a three-month internship in the Accounting Department of the AARP in Washington, D.C. and made significant contributions to the department's customer satisfaction program; and

WHEREAS, Colin is a young man with a tremendous sense of social responsibility and public service; his college career was marked by hundreds of hours of community service with various agencies, and he once stopped at the scene of an accident and extinguished a motor vehicle fire; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Williams 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, he has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in Nashville, Colin has distinguished himself as one of the brightest and hardest working interns, and he has performed his duties as Senator Haynes'

intern with extreme dedication and determination, all the while comporting himself in a compassionate, concerned, and caring manner; and

WHEREAS, Colin received the "Friendliest Intern" superlative from his peers in no small part, because he dresses simply frat-tastic; and

WHEREAS, Colin Williams 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 Colin Williams for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Joe M. Haynes and extend to him our best wishes for success as he seeks gainful employment beginning June 2010, which has been designated as "Employ Colin Williams Month" by his parents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.