

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1315

By Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ashanti Nikole Posey of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the tragic passing of Ashanti Nikole Posey; and

WHEREAS, Ashanti Posey was a praiseworthy young lady and exceptional student as well as a tremendous athlete who worked indefatigably to improve the quality of life for not only herself but her family, her peers, and her fellow citizens in numerous ways; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean born in Lexington, Ashanti Nikole Posey was the daughter of Charles Harris and Amber Posey and grew up in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Posey would have been a 2020 graduate of Hillsboro High School and planned to attend Western Kentucky University in the fall to pursue a degree in business; and

WHEREAS, passionate about bettering the lives of others, Ashanti Posey helped her peers to improve their grades in classes, understand their school work, and ensure that conversations were had with the guidance counselor for clarification on what they needed to graduate; and

WHEREAS, a very active member of her community, Ashanti Posey served as a volunteer at the Hillsboro High School Recycling Drop-off and became an activist for the LGBTQ community by starting a support group at Maplewood High School under the direction of PFLAG Nashville and Kathy Halbrooks; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Posey was fervent about helping the homeless and her family by working two jobs to ensure she could give back to her community freely; and

WHEREAS, a very talented basketball player, Ashanti Posey was featured in several articles in the *Tennessean* as well as on a number of websites, and will be deeply missed by an AAU basketball team that she considered her family; and

WHEREAS, Ashanti Posey will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by her parents, her six siblings, and the many friends, teammates, classmates, and acquaintances who had the opportunity to share even just a moment with this extraordinary young woman; and

WHEREAS, Ashanti Posey leaves behind an indelible legacy of truthfulness, sincerity, and principles that no one could imagine a seventeen-year-old to have possessed; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the generous life of this exceptional young woman and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ashanti Nikole Posey, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Posey.

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.