

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1362

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Hannah-Kate McFadden for her efforts to promote civility in politics across the United States of America.

WHEREAS, strong polarization, misbehavior, and verbal and physical violence have described the American political hemisphere in most recent times; and

WHEREAS, a young teenager, Hannah-Kate McFadden, a former resident of Tennessee who now resides in Pennsylvania, aims to solve this problem by having prospective elected officials sign and uphold "The Candidate Pledge" and elected officials sign and uphold "The Elected Official Pledge"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFadden's bipartisan "The Candidate Pledge" promotes simple, adult principles, such as respecting opinions of other candidates, refraining from making personal comments, not bullying others, and being an adult; "The Elected Official Pledge" contains similar principles such as agreeing to disagree and having a servant's heart; and

WHEREAS, the idea for both pledges was the result of an incident in 2020 when a campaign sign and a nearby tree were vandalized in Ms. McFadden's front yard; rather than be angry and discouraged, she became motivated to create a change that would promote civility in politics where her generation and future voters could be involved and feel welcome; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFadden has traveled across the country to get elected officials and candidates to sign her pledges, receiving the signatures of council members, mayors, state senators, state representatives, presidential candidates, and other officials; and

WHEREAS, in the years to come, Hannah-Kate looks to continue spreading awareness to elected officials and candidates, and to promote civility; she is dedicated to making sure her

generation is not silenced and that those in office know change is coming from this next generation; 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 honor and commend Hannah-Kate McFadden for her efforts to promote civility in politics across the United States of America.

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.