

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1486

By Lamar

A RESOLUTION to commend Lee Andrew Smith III upon his graduation from law school.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves as future leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Lee Andrew Smith III is one such exceptional student, who recently graduated from Loyola University of Chicago Law School, a milestone achievement that will usher him into his bright future as a lawyer; and

WHEREAS, while earning his juris doctorate, Mr. Smith served in various leadership positions, including as treasurer of the Black Law Student Association, vice president of Loyola's Law School Democrats, a team lead and steering committee member of Just the Beginning – A Pipeline Organization, and a member of the Pugh-Kaufman Scholars Program; and

WHEREAS, prior to matriculating to law school, Mr. Smith earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Tennessee State University, where he founded Stay Woke HBCU, participated in the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, was named Monarch Man of the Year "Outstanding Youth of the Year," and was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Lee Smith has already amassed a great deal of professional experience working as a law clerk with various practices throughout Chicago, Illinois, and serving as an intern with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the Tennessee General Assembly, and the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, devoted to serving others, he has been recognized by the Tennessee Secretary of State for helping to register hundreds of citizens to vote, and he has served as the community service chair of Generation of Educated Men, a community service organization; and

WHEREAS, Lee Smith's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of 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 commend and honor Lee Andrew Smith III on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

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.