

SENATE RESOLUTION 8

By Niceley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Reuben Couch on his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Couch of Bean Station is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, a former student at Kingswood Home for Children, formerly known as Kingswood School, Mr. Couch has served the campus for nearly fifty years, assisting with fundraising and building projects; and

WHEREAS, after Kingswood Home for Children experienced a fire that left the orphans without a home, Reuben Couch raised money and performed much of the physical labor to construct the A.E. Wachtel Memorial Chapel and two new cottages; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Couch has raised more than \$500,000 for Kingswood Home for Children, which has been a home to more than 7,000 children since 1943. He continues to support the campus and has recently arranged for the bathrooms in the chapel to be fully restored and remodeled; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Couch is a model citizen; his commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Reuben Couch for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, 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.