

SENATE RESOLUTION 46

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to commend Caleb Mackenzie Tindell 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, Caleb Mackenzie Tindell is one such estimable individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Mark Norris; Caleb's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators and staff members he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a native and lifelong resident of Knoxville, Tennessee, Caleb was born on June 10, 1989, to John and Tammy Tindell and is the devoted brother of Matthew Tindell; and

WHEREAS, a 2007 graduate of Halls High School in Knox County, where he was a member of the marching band, Caleb proved many of his abilities early in life and displayed great academic success, graduating within the top five students of his class; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he pursues a bachelor's degree in History and Political Science with a minor in Secondary Education, Caleb Tindell is forging a legacy of high regard from his peers and hard work as a scholar; and

WHEREAS, always displaying academic success, Mr. Tindell is a recipient of the Tennessee Hope Scholarship and the University of Tennessee Volunteer Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, his academic discipline and gifts are further evidenced by his membership in the Phi Kappa Phi academic honor society and his inclusion on the Dean's list each semester of his undergraduate career; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and talents to the pride and advancement of his university community, Caleb Tindell proudly played the baritone in the Pride of the Southland Marching Band and in the University of Tennessee Concert Band, is a member of the University of

Tennessee College Republicans, and currently serves his university through the Unite alumni organization; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated fan of the fine athletes in all sports at the University of Tennessee, Caleb shows utmost devotion to the University's basketball program and was awarded the Student Fanatic Reward for attending every University of Tennessee men's basketball game of the 2009-2010 season; and

WHEREAS, always willing to help others, particularly young people, and devoted to giving back to his community through his intellect, labor, and artistic talents, Mr. Tindell returned to his high school alma mater to work with the Halls High School Band from 2007 to 2008, served as a summer camp counselor with the YMCA of East Tennessee during the summer of 2010, and served as an academic tutor at Bearden High School during his college years; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the complexities and characteristics of Tennessee state government and to further his extensive studies, Caleb Tindell brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2011 Regular Session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, evincing great commitment to excellence in every endeavor and a genuine interest in and appreciation for lawmaking, Caleb has worked assiduously during this session to promote the estimable principles of democracy, fairness, and equity in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure as an intern, Mr. Tindell has earned the admiration, respect, and appreciation of those in his own assigned office, other members of the General Assembly, their staff, and his fellow interns through his demeanor, intelligence, devotion to duty, and outstanding tolerance of the high-stress world that is a legislative session; and

WHEREAS, Caleb Tindell epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2011 legislative session, Caleb Tindell has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern, and has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and thank Caleb Mackenzie Tindell for his outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Mark Norris and for the example he sets as a proud, native Tennessean, a hard-working student with great academic strength and school pride, and a model citizen, 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.