

SENATE RESOLUTION 49

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mary-Carter Mullins on being named Patroller of the Year by the American Automobile Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dogwood Elementary School's American Automobile Association (AAA) School Safety Patrol Captain Mary-Carter Mullins, who was recently named Patroller of the Year for the AAA's Auto Club South territory, which consists of Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, located in Germantown, Dogwood Elementary, where Miss Mullins is a fifth-grader, is in its third year as a participant in the AAA School Safety Patrol Program, which supports, recognizes, and frequently awards grants to school safety programs like the one Miss Carter serves; and

WHEREAS, Mary-Carter was presented with a Certificate of Achievement during a recent Parent-Teacher Association meeting, and for her efforts, as well as the efforts of others involved with her school's safety program, the AAA plans to award a two-hundred-dollar grant to Dogwood to expand its patrol program; and

WHEREAS, Miss Carter also won an all-expense-paid trip in May for herself and two guests to Washington, D.C., where she is to be honored along with other award recipients; and

WHEREAS, the youngest squad leader in the history of Dogwood's Safety Patrol, Miss Carter heads a group of fifty-four patrollers; her nomination as a candidate for Captain was based on teacher recommendation, a student essay, and classroom performance, and she was

ultimately chosen from a field of worthy candidates by a committee composed of graduating Safety Patrol officers, the Safety Patrol Sponsor, and a school administrator; and

WHEREAS, according to AAA School Safety Patrol Advisor Ken Carter, Miss Mullins has set a high water mark that future leaders who come after her will be challenged to reach; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the capable leadership she renders as the AAA School Safety Patrol Captain at Dogwood, Mary-Carter Mullins has volunteered to assist with school registration, organized and led a staff of greeters for her school's book fair, and served as a reader for younger students; and

WHEREAS, she also finds time to lend her talents to such notable causes as Coats for Kids, Hats On Day, Coins for Kids, and Kids Kan at Dogwood; and

WHEREAS, already a vital and active member of the Germantown community, Mary-Carter Mullins volunteers with the Germantown Animal Shelter and Habitat for Hope; she also works on various mission projects with other members of her congregation at Germantown Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, in support of the Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, Miss Mullins has sold lemonade in her front yard to raise funds for the institution's young patients; and

WHEREAS, Miss Mullins is a member of the Dogwood Elementary School Honor Roll and competes on a champion cheer squad; and

WHEREAS, throughout her efforts to make her school a safer place for her fellow students, and whenever she has discovered a project worthy of her energies, Miss Mullins has been supported and encouraged by her parents, Julie and Tom Mullins; she serves as an excellent example to her younger brother, Reed; and

WHEREAS, Mary-Carter Mullins epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mary-Carter Mullins for her dedication to her school, her community, and all the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mary-Carter Mullins on being named Patroller of the Year for the American Automobile Association's Auto Club South territory, thank her for her meritorious service to her school, her community, and this State, and extend to her 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.