

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 81

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Abi Tate on qualifying for the 2017 USA Weightlifting National Junior Championships.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful student-athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Abi Tate, a competitor of extraordinary talent, skill, and athleticism, who qualified for the 2017 USA Weightlifting National Junior Championships; and

WHEREAS, the track and soccer athlete from Alvin C. York Institute traveled to East Tennessee State University (ETSU) on October 22, 2016, where she met the qualifications to compete in the national championship, which is to be held February 23-26 in Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Abi's performance at ETSU won her the Gold Medal Award for her weight class, a feat she conquered by lifting 138 pounds in the snatch and then lifting 178 pounds in the clean and jerk; and

WHEREAS, Abi Tate has been invited to train for the national championships at ETSU, an officially designated U.S. Olympic Training Site for weightlifting. She will also have the opportunity to try out for ETSU's weightlifting team during her senior year; and

WHEREAS, Abi Tate has etched her name in the annals of Tennessee sports history; her dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent has not only made possible this pursuit of a national championship title, but also surely point toward her success in future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Abi Tate on qualifying for the 2017 USA Weightlifting National Junior Championships and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.