

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 84

By Clemmons

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dylan Michael Zwiép of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Dylan Michael Zwiép; and

WHEREAS, Dylan Zwiép was a loving, generous young man whose boundless empathy and generosity were a blessing to so many; and

WHEREAS, born on November 8, 1986, Dylan Zwiép was an "old soul" who shared his Opa Zwiép's passion for agronomy and earth sciences; he was a landscaper and worked as a "farmacist" at Carter Creek Greens, growing micro-greens for local chefs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his vocation, Mr. Zwiép had a calling to be of service to those in need; he befriended transients living on the streets in Nashville, bringing them food when he knew they had not eaten and giving his jacket or shoes to those without such items who were subjected to the cold; and

WHEREAS, his selfless generosity went unmarked, as he did not call attention to it; he was simply moving through the world as himself: a sincere, servant-hearted friend and a blessing to all who encountered him; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dylan Zwiép will be mourned yet fondly remembered by his father, Rolff Zwiép; stepmother, Cynthia Hicks; mother, Sara Smith; stepfather, Rick Smith; brother, Tyler Zwiép; stepsister and stepbrother, Seagie Smith and Skylar Smith; paternal grandmother, Maria Zwiép; maternal grandmother, Janette Weaver; and numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins throughout the United States, Canada, and The Netherlands; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zwiép's life had many blessings along with many trials; he struggled daily with the physical and psychological trauma of addiction, depression, and a form of epilepsy, and he ultimately lost his battle to overcome these afflictions; and

WHEREAS, though he departed much too soon, Dylan Zwiép leaves behind a legacy of kindness, compassion, and service that will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dylan Michael Zwiép, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Zwiép.

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.