

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 376

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to commend Kyle D. Johnson 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, Kyle Johnson is one such individual who distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for House Speaker Pro Tempore Curtis Johnson; Kyle Johnson's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further his studies, Kyle brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2015 session of the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a student at Austin Peay State University (APSU), where he is highly regarded by his peers, Kyle Johnson is currently pursuing a degree in political science. A leader among his peers, Kyle served as the president of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Eta Tau Colony, and of the Interfraternity Council and the Austin Peay State University College Republicans, and as a member of Phi Alpha Delta, Pi Sigma Alpha, the Pre-Law Society, the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Peer Education Task Force, and the APSU President's Sexual Assault Response Team Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2009, Kyle Johnson joined the United States Army, in which he has served with valor and dignity. As a member of the 101st Airborne Division (Air

Assault), based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Sergeant Johnson served in two deployments to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, in his pursuit of military excellence, Sergeant Johnson graduated on the Commandant's List from the U.S. Army's Non-Commissioned Officer's Academy, and he is also a graduate of the Army's Air Assault Course, Defense Language Institute (Dari/Persian-Farsi), Pathfinder School, and Sniper School; and

WHEREAS, following his service in the United States Army, Sergeant Kyle Johnson joined the U.S. Army Reserves in December of 2013. He currently holds the post of Team Chief of the Psychological Operations Detachment of the 325th Tactical PSYOP Company (Airborne). As a reservist, Sergeant Johnson attended the U.S. Army's Psychological Operations Re-class School, and graduated with honors on the Commandant's List; and

WHEREAS, before joining the Army, Sergeant Johnson rendered sterling service as a legislative aide for the Criminal Justice Committee of the Florida Senate, a staff assistant for the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, a personal/travel aide for Congresswoman Katherine Harris of Florida, and a legislative aide for the Governmental Oversight and Productivity Committee of the Florida Senate; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Sergeant Kyle Johnson earned the Combat Infantry Badge, two Afghanistan Campaign Medals with Combat Stars, three Army Achievement Medals, and two Army Commendation Medals; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2015 legislative session, Kyle Johnson surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Kyle performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Kyle Johnson for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Curtis Johnson 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.