

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 578

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A RESOLUTION to honor award-winning journalist Joey Garrison.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize an erudite journalist who formerly worked in Nashville but now covers the White House for a national newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Joey Garrison was one of a team of reporters for *The Tennessean* who earned second place in the 2019 National Headliner Awards for best political reporting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrison first came to Nashville in 2009 to work for the *Nashville City Paper*; after three years with that publication, he transferred his considerable talents to *The Tennessean* and covered city hall and local and state politics from 2012 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure in the Music City, the *Nashville Scene's* "Best of Nashville" readers' poll twice recognized Joey Garrison as Nashville's best local political reporter; and

WHEREAS, the award-winning Mr. Garrison was named one of Tennessee's best political reporters by *The Washington Post's* "The Fix" politics blog in 2013; and

WHEREAS, after a decade as a reporter in Nashville, he left these environs in 2019 to accept employment as a national correspondent for *USA Today* and was based in Boston; and

WHEREAS, Joey Garrison next covered the 2020 Presidential campaign for *USA Today* and has since been elevated to the lofty status of White House correspondent for the publication, covering President Joe Biden; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Rhodes College Class of 2006, he is currently one of twenty-one journalists taking part in the National Press Foundation's Paul Miller Washington Reporting Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, a well-functioning democracy depends upon an informed electorate, and Joey Garrison is doing more than his part to provide reliable and accurate information to the reading public; 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 award-winning journalist Joey Garrison on being appointed White House correspondent for *USA Today*, commend his many contributions to journalism, and extend to him 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.