

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 717

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Amber Futrell upon being chosen to represent the University of Tennessee at Martin Collegiate 4-H at the National Agriculture Day Experience.

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

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Amber Futrell, who was recently chosen to represent the University of Tennessee at Martin Collegiate 4-H at the National Agriculture Day Experience in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, on March 6-8, 2012, Ms. Futrell, along with other students from across the country, will gather in our nation's capitol to meet the United States Secretary of Agriculture, participate in training sessions, meet with legislators from the Volunteer State, and network with other college students who share their passions for agriculture; and

WHEREAS, a native of Gadsden, Amber Futrell is currently a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM), where she has achieved academic success while majoring in Veterinary Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including rendering sterling service as the Collegiate 4-H President and Reporter, the Western Region State Senior Representative, the Western Region All Star Deputy Chief, the Western Region State Junior Representative, the Horse Bowl and Hippology Team Captain, the Campus Observations Committee Chairman, the Senator for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, the Freshman Council Committee Chair, the Public Relations Officer for the Pre-Veterinary Club, the UTM Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) President and Vice-President, and the HOSA State Secretary/Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, in addition to distinguishing herself in the classroom, Ms. Futrell has also amassed an impressive resume, serving with acumen and alacrity as the Student Worker for the West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab, a Student Worker for UTM's Teaching Farm, a Job Shadow for the Jackson Animal Clinic, and a Student Mentor for Crockett County T.R.Y. 4-H Program; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Amber Futrell was nominated for "Freshmen of the Year" at UTM; received the Cunningham Outstanding Freshman Award, Fred and Marie Colvett Agriculture Scholarship, and Leader in Residence Scholarship; and gained inclusion to the Fellows Research Project, the Chancellor's Honor Roll, and the Tennessee Governor's School for Agricultural Sciences; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable young woman also was a National Finalist at the HOSA Vet Assisting Contest, a valuable member of the 2008 and 2010 4-H Horsebowl and Hippology Championship Teams, the Hippology State High Scoring Individual, the Horse Bowl Southern Regional Reserve Champion, and the Horse Demonstration Speech State Winner; and

WHEREAS, Amber Futrell's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future successes; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Ricky and Donna Futrell; her brother, Will Futrell; her sisters, Chrissy Vandiver and Abby Futrell; her community; and this State; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Futrell's dedication to excellence and agriculture is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Amber Futrell for being chosen to represent the University of Tennessee at Martin Collegiate 4-H at the National Agriculture Day Experience, applaud her dedicated work within the 4-H, and extend to her our best wishes for her 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.