

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1382

By Vaughan

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joshua Long on his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.3 million Tennessee volunteers give over 99 million hours of community service, contributing \$2.6 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Long of Collierville is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, to fulfill the requirements for the Eagle Scout rank, Mr. Long dedicated his time and efforts to serving Fayette County Animal Rescue (FCAR), a shelter that houses between seventy to 100 animals suffering from abuse, abandonment, injury, and neglect; after asking the shelter for a list of needs, he created flyers with a wishlist of supplies and an Amazon QR code to help encourage donations; and

WHEREAS, after passing out more than 600 flyers, Mr. Long collected donations for the shelter that equaled more than 1,500 pounds of essentials and more than \$1,000 dollars in monetary donations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Long is a model citizen; his commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Joshua Long for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.