

HOUSE RESOLUTION 165

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to commend Baxter "Bax" Yarbrough 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, Baxter "Bax" Yarbrough is one such individual, who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Patsy Hazlewood; Mr. Yarbrough's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, hailing from Morrilton, Arkansas, Bax Yarbrough is the son of Mary and Dan Yarbrough; the brother of Ramsey Yarbrough; and the grandson of Nicki and Baxter Sudduth, Gary and Goldie Haynes, and Jimmie Yarbrough; and

WHEREAS, a student at Vanderbilt University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Yarbrough has achieved academic success as a dual-degree student, pursuing a Master of Divinity degree with concentrations in Chaplaincy and Black Religion and Culture Studies and a Master of Education degree in Community Development and Action; and

WHEREAS, he holds a Master of Arts degree in Teaching from Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economic and Political Science with a minor in Psychology from the University of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Bax Yarbrough is an inquirer for ordination within the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is under care of the Presbytery of Arkansas; he has served as an AmeriCorps volunteer, and in 2022, he joined a cohort of changemakers from across the nation as a John Lewis Fellow with The Faith & Politics Institute; and

WHEREAS, he is also an Interfaith Scholar at Vanderbilt's Center for Spiritual and Religious Life and a Cal Turner Fellow with Vanderbilt's Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further his studies, Bax Yarbrough brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2024 session of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2024 legislative session, Mr. Yarbrough has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Bax Yarbrough has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Baxter "Bax" Yarbrough for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Patsy Hazlewood 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.