

HOUSE RESOLUTION 7017

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Reese Erin Barker of Humboldt.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Reese Erin Barker; and

WHEREAS, Reese Barker was an extraordinary young woman whose beauty and charm were surpassed only by her kindness and consideration for others and the joy she brought to all who had the privilege of knowing her; and

WHEREAS, born on March 1, 2007, in Union City, Ms. Barker was the daughter of David A. and Heather B. Barker; and

WHEREAS, a junior at Crockett County High School in Alamo at the time of her passing, Reese Barker had already achieved a great deal and was on track to achieve even bigger things; and

WHEREAS, she was a member of the Lady Cavalier softball team and a manager of the Crockett County Cavalier football team, and she was actively involved in her school's FCCLA program, of which she was named the Tennessee Vice President of Individual Development for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to her community and public service, Ms. Barker was an endearing young woman who freely gave of her time and talents, including as a volunteer and advocate for those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Reese Barker was an active and devout member of First Baptist Church in Martin, which she served faithfully as a youth leader; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Ms. Barker is survived by her sister, Maggie Joyner Barker; brother, Roman Bates Barker; grandparents, Steve and Amy Bates, David and Carol Barker, and Doug and Pam Stephenson; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Gloria Joyce Dorris, Joe Ray Bates, Martha Lynn Crocker Bates, Aaron and Alberta Barker, Mary Darlene Barker, and James Allen Playter; and

WHEREAS, a devoted daughter, sister, and friend, Reese Barker lived her life with courage, compassion, and enthusiasm, and her benevolent spirit will continue to serve as an inspiration for others; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body remember the life of this exceptional young woman who has passed from our lives in the full bloom of youth and promise; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Reese Erin Barker, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Barker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.