

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 48

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Davis Tarwater upon winning a gold medal in swimming at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those citizens who, through their determination, ability, and endurance, have distinguished themselves as champions in the realm of international athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, one such dynamic athlete is Davis Tarwater, who won a gold medal in swimming at the London 2012 Summer Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, the first-time Olympic swimmer posted the second-fastest time in the 4x200 freestyle relay semi-finals and, though he did not have the opportunity to compete in the finals, he proudly cheered on teammates Michael Phelps, Ryan Lochte, Ricky Berens, and Conor Dwyer as they carried the team through to a gold medal; and

WHEREAS, a University of Michigan graduate, Mr. Tarwater attended Webb School of Knoxville, where he was a nine-time High School All-American and the 2002 High School Swimmer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Tarwater is most grateful for the love and support of his parents, brother, and sister, who all traveled from Knoxville to London to see him compete; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to salute the accomplishments of those exemplary individuals who serve as excellent role models of the value of hard work, diligence, dedication, and composure under pressure; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Davis Tarwater upon winning a gold medal in swimming

at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games, recognize his determination, exceptional skill, and innate talent, congratulate him on his many significant athletic and personal achievements, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for every future 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.