

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 132

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to commend Rachel M. Lee for her honorable and astute service to the General Assembly and the Senate.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those Tennesseans who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

¹ WHEREAS, for three years, Rachel M. Lee served with distinction as the legislative assistant for Chairman Jack Johnson and the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee, deftly performing constituent work, coordinating legislation, managing the legislative office, coordinating delegation partnerships, and scheduling press and communications; and

WHEREAS, Rachel recently left the friendly confines of Capitol Hill to pursue a new career with U.S. Senator Bob Corker and now works in his Nashville office; and

WHEREAS, prior to her tenure with Senator Johnson, Ms. Lee worked as a bill clerk for the Chief Clerk of the Senate; in addition to serving as clerk for the State and Local Government Committee and the Education Committee, she was the Chief Clerk's assistant and managed online voting, the video database, and legislative committee assignments; and

WHEREAS, prior to coming to the General Assembly, she was an intern for the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties and worked for her alma mater, Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), in the orientation office; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Lee holds a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Communication from MTSU, having graduated *summa cum laude*; and

WHEREAS, as she pursued higher education at MTSU, Ms. Lee was very active in campus and student affairs, serving as executive vice president of the Student Government Association, speaker of the student Senate, and director of the Freshman Council (2012-2013);

director of Up 'til Dawn, an organization that raised \$20,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; student ambassador; assistant director of the MTSU Centennial Homecoming; head delegate to the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (2011 and 2012); and a member of the Senate in the Student Government Association (2009-2012); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her academic excellence and commitment to public service, Rachel was honored with many awards and accolades while a student at MTSU, receiving the MTSU President's Award and being named Leadership Studies Student of the Year, College of Business, Outstanding Academics Senior, College of Liberal Arts, and one of only five National Foundation for Women Legislators and National Rifle Association Scholars; she was also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa Honors and Leadership Society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lee is still deeply involved in public service as a professional woman; she has worked in several campaigns and is a member of the Rescue One Global Volunteer Team, Ethos Church Connect Team, and the MTSU Young Alumni Board, which she serves as president; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her job with Senator Corker, she is presently pursuing a Master of Science in Corporate Communication at Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, Rachel M. Lee is wholly committed to the noble precepts of political involvement and civic engagement that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Rachel M. Lee for her honorable and astute service to the General Assembly, the Senate, and Senator Jack Johnson, congratulate her on pursuing new horizons with Senator Corker, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

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