

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 282

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Savannah Joy Kawa upon receiving the 2015 Youth Leadership Award from Leadership Blount.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Savannah Joy Kawa, recipient of the 2015 Youth Leadership Award from Leadership Blount in recognition of her many contributions to her community; and

WHEREAS, this award was established to annually honor an outstanding student-leader in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, a student at Maryville Christian School, Savannah Kawa aspires to become a teacher so that she can make a difference in the lives of children; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary young woman, Ms. Kawa rendered sterling service as a Sunday school teacher at River Oaks Community Church and as a teaching assistant at Maryville Christian School, where she also contributed her time and talents to the Summer Kids Club program; in addition, she has worked with children in numerous other capacities, including as a middle school peer coach, a babysitter, and a missionary on a South Dakota Indian reservation; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating a variety of interests, Savannah is a member of her school's volleyball team, yearbook staff, band, choir, and show choir, and she has participated in theater performances; in addition, she is active in the River Oaks Community Church youth group; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Kawa received the Young Author Award from Blount County Schools, and was a spelling bee champion, a National Young Scholars Program participant, and a National Honor Society member; she earned numerous academic honors, including those for social studies, science, Spanish, and Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Savannah was invited to the Duke University Talent Identification Program, National Young Leaders State Conference, Presidential Inaugural Conference, People to People Leadership Ambassador Program, and the University of Tennessee Governor's School Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kawa epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Savannah Kawa for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Savannah Joy Kawa on receiving the 2015 Youth Leadership Award from Leadership Blount, thank her for her tireless service to the people of Blount County and this State, 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.