

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 282

By Bell

A RESOLUTION to commend James R. Copley 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, James R. Copley is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern; Mr. Copley's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Lipscomb University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, James R. Copley has achieved academic success while participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, born in Cleveland, Ohio, on February 13, 1985, James Copley graduated from Cleveland Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, following graduation, Mr. Copley joined the United States Army and served in Iraq from 2003 until 2004 as a member of the 82nd Airborne Infantry; and

WHEREAS, after receiving a discharge from military service, he enrolled at Kent State University, where he met his future wife, Kate; the couple married in May 2008; and

WHEREAS, James Copley reenlisted in the United States Army, serving once again in the 82nd Airborne Infantry; he was a member of a reconnaissance unit that changed its mission and became a search and rescue unit and valiantly served in Afghanistan in 2009; and

WHEREAS, following a second discharge from military service in 2010, James Copley and his wife moved to Lakewood, Ohio; two years later, they moved to Virginia, then to Pennsylvania, where Mr. Copley enrolled at WyoTech to study automotive technology; and

WHEREAS, the Copleys lived in Dallas, Texas, for eight months before relocating to Tennessee in 2014; Mr. and Mrs. Copley currently reside in Hendersonville; and

WHEREAS, James Copley serves as squad leader for Catch A Lift, a nonprofit organization that enables post-9/11 combat-wounded veterans to recover, rehabilitate, and regain and maintain their physical and mental health by providing gym memberships, personalized fitness programs, in-home gym equipment, and a peer support network; and

WHEREAS, James Copley is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Kate, a baker and certified pharmacy technician; the Copleys recently welcomed a daughter, Rilynn, into the family on October 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Copley brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2017 session of the One Hundred Tenth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2017 legislative session, James Copley has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern and has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; 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 hereby commend James R. Copley for outstanding service as a legislative intern 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.