

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 917

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor Hadley O'Hara upon receiving Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority's Stella George Stern Perry Award.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to recognize a young woman who has demonstrated a strong commitment to community involvement, civic leadership, and good citizenship at an early age; and

WHEREAS, Hadley O'Hara began serving as president of the University of Tennessee chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi during her sophomore year in 2020; her stellar leadership in this important role has been recognized as exemplary and praiseworthy by her receipt of the sorority's Stella George Stern Perry Award, the highest distinction given to a collegiate member of Alpha Omicron Pi; and

WHEREAS, Stella George Stern Perry was one of the founders of Alpha Omicron Pi and served as its first president; this award is presented annually to a woman who exemplifies Ms. Perry's leadership; and

WHEREAS, as president, Hadley O'Hara led the 286 women of the University of Tennessee's Alpha Omicron Pi chapter with fairness and compassion during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in each of her endeavors, Ms. O'Hara listens with the same rapt attention with which she wishes to be heard; values accountability, clear communication, and positivity; and challenges the status quo; and

WHEREAS, Ms. O'Hara initiated chapter-wide conversations about privilege and prejudice during her term as president and made diversity and inclusion focal points in her chapter; and

WHEREAS, she also initiated conversations about mental health and communicated to the women in her chapter that they are not alone in their struggles with mental health; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her duties with Alpha Omicron Pi, Ms. O'Hara served as the University of Tennessee's Panhellenic President for 2021, positively influencing more than 4,300 Panhellenic women during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, she worked to unite all four Greek Councils on campus as Panhellenic President, improved communication, and forcefully repudiated harmful stigmas surrounding the Greek community; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding scholar, Ms. O'Hara has made the Dean's List every semester she has attended the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she will continue her studies at the University of Tennessee after graduation to earn her Master of Education degree; and

WHEREAS, Hadley O'Hara has changed the lives of thousands of students at the University of Tennessee, and her contributions have been recognized at the highest level by Alpha Omicron Pi; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Hadley O'Hara upon receiving the Stella George Stern Perry Award, salute her outstanding service to Alpha Omicron Pi and the entire University of Tennessee community, and extend to her 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.