

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1236

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to honor Major Brian Sekita 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, Major Brian Sekita, U.S. Army, is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Jon Lundberg; Brian's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-year member of the United States military, Major Sekita has served in Special Operations for nine of those years; and

WHEREAS, after serving in the U.S. Air Force for three years, Major Sekita transitioned to the U.S. Army in 2006 and was subsequently deployed to Iraq twice and three times to Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary career, Major Sekita has served in various positions, including Platoon Leader for a Route Clearance Explosive Removal Platoon, Commander of two Army engineering schools, the Army Firefighting training group, and an engineering project manager; and

WHEREAS, still an active-duty service member, he recently transferred into the Army's Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs) area to help ensure the safety of the American people through the non-proliferation of WMDs; and

WHEREAS, Major Sekita is also pursuing a master's degree in public policy and administration at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, to learn how to influence the non-proliferation of WMDs through public policy; and

WHEREAS, he holds a bachelor's degree in aviation management and a Master of Business Administration degree with honors from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, both of which he earned while working full time and executing five combat deployments; and

WHEREAS, after attaining the rank of Major, Brian Sekita completed a master's degree in strategic studies at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College to prepare for field-grade officer leadership; and

WHEREAS, he has also received a master's degree in geological engineering from the prestigious University of Missouri Science and Technology, Rolla, which qualified him to serve in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Brian Sekita is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Elaine, who has strongly supported her husband throughout his many assignments and deployments, nearly all of which required changing residence; she and their four children are the top priority in Brian's life; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further his studies, Brian Sekita brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2024 session of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2024 legislative session, Major Sekita has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Brian Sekita has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Major Brian Sekita for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Jon Lundberg, commend him for his long and distinguished service to his country in the military, 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.