

SENATE RESOLUTION 7

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Anastasia "Anya" Dunn on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Anastasia "Anya" Dunn of Maryville is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, Anya Dunn has served at East Tennessee Children's Hospital (ETCH) since June 2019, during which time she has concurrently served as a Child Life intern in inpatient surgery and assisted in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dunn spends eight hours per week at ETCH, assisting medical staff in meeting the non-medical needs of both patients and families so that they can receive the best care possible, regardless of race, gender, religion, or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, Anya Dunn's presence helps soothe the anxiety of families who are in a foreign environment under stressful circumstances; her warmth with children wins immediate trust, and her kindness can ease their fear or loneliness; and

WHEREAS, for the last three years, Ms. Dunn has also volunteered at Carpenters Elementary School, Blount Memorial Pediatric Rehabilitation, and Birth-2-Three; her continued commitment to serving children has engendered her desire to work in pediatric oncology; and

WHEREAS, Anya Dunn is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Anastasia "Anya" Dunn for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, 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.