

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jordan Nicole Burns of Bolivar.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Jordan Nicole Burns, an exemplary young woman and human rights activist with a smile that could light up a room; and

WHEREAS, born on July 29, 1999, in Jackson, Ms. Burns was the daughter of Carrie (fiancé Gerald Taylor) Burns and Joshua Burns, Jr.; she was a 2017 graduate of Bolivar Central High School, where she was a cheerleader and a member of various clubs; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her passing, she was a senior at the University of Memphis pursuing a major in biology with aspirations of becoming a physician assistant in endocrinology; and

WHEREAS, Jordan Burns enjoyed reading, writing poetry, painting, participating in community service, and spending time with family and friends; she enjoyed creating memories with her siblings and took pride in caring for them; and

WHEREAS, she studied the Bible fervently and had strong faith in God, which gave her the strength to continue college courses while battling cancer; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she will be sorely missed but fondly remembered by her siblings, Presley Walker, Makaih Burns, Taylor Burns, Jackson Walker, and Astin Burns; maternal grandmother, Charlotte Dyer; and paternal grandparents, Joshua Burns, Sr., and Christine Burns; and

WHEREAS, she is further survived by her aunts and uncles, Amy Dyer, Regina (Tony) Cook, Michael Dyer, Terry (Kristen) Dyer, and Rayford (An'Janae) Burns and her cousins, Jacob Dyer, Sam Cook, Bryleigh Dyer, Baylee Dyer, Rayven Wang, Rayford Burns, Jr., Morgan Burns, Rayzon Burns, Skyler Hanson, and Sophia Hanson; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Terry Dyer; uncle, Chad Burns; and great-grandparents, Earnest (Juanita) Dyer, Edna Peterson, Leroy (Lula) Jordan, and Jessie (Gracie) Burns; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burns leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Jordan Nicole Burns, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Burns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.