

SENATE RESOLUTION 128

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to commend Jessica Eloise Terry 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, Jessica Eloise Terry is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Dolores Gresham and the Senate Education Committee; Jessica's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Jessica has achieved academic success as evidenced by her membership in the Honor's Program and Phi Kappa Phi, and her receipt of the Chancellor's Award Scholarship and the John Burgess Award; and

WHEREAS, listed in *Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities*, Ms. Terry, in May 2012, will graduate *Magna Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a minor in History; and

WHEREAS, a 2008 graduate of Camden High School, Jessica participated in the University of Tennessee at Martin's Dual Enrollment program, was a member of the National BETA Club, editor of *Flights* creative writing magazine, and a member of Business Professionals of America through which she enjoyed a trip to New York City to participate against national competition in the category of Economic Resource Project – Individual; and

WHEREAS, a highly articulate and intelligent young woman, Jessica is a past president of the *UTM Writer's Guild* and enjoys reading, creative writing, photography, sewing and crafts, politics, horseback riding, hiking, camping, and travel; and

WHEREAS, she has also proven herself to be an inspiring individual, having served as Santa's Elf since 2005; she makes visits with Santa around Christmas time to nursing homes, local businesses, housebound elderly residents, and young children of the Camden and Waverly areas; and

WHEREAS, having learned the value and rewards of hard work at an early age, Jessica is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Karen Eloise and Stanley Cordell Terry, and her brother, Joshua Cordell Terry; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Jessica Terry brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2012 session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, Ms. Terry has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, an invaluable member of Senator Gresham's staff, Jessica possesses a great attitude; she arrived by 7:30 most every day, was never late once, and worked overtime on many nights without any complaint – ever; and

WHEREAS, perhaps the most efficient and hardest working intern to ever grace the halls of the Legislative Plaza, Ms. Terry has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Jessica Eloise Terry for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Dolores Gresham 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.