

State of Tennessee

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 297

By Representatives Hall, Harry Brooks, Rich

A RESOLUTION to commend Matthew Stephen Herriman 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, Matthew Stephen Herriman is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Steve Hall and Representative Harry Brooks; Matthew's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, born in Jackson, Tennessee to Steve and Sherry Herriman, Mr. Herriman graduated from Bolivar Central High School, where he was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and an attendee at the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, he is currently a student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he has excelled academically while majoring in political science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, such as serving as treasurer and vice president of College Republicans, Tennessee chairman of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), an intern for United States Senator Bob Corker during the fall of 2010, and member of Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Christians United for Israel, and the Dean's List; and

WHEREAS, growing up with a passion for politics, Mr. Herriman has contributed to many causes and campaigns throughout his life, specifically assisting his grandfather, a former county GOP chairman, with the campaign for United States Senator Lamar Alexander and helping with the campaign for Senator John McCain in the 2008 presidential election; and

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

WHEREAS, a born leader, Matthew was elected by his peers as the Intern Speaker at their annual Mock Session; and

WHEREAS, he has done an incredible job balancing his work, whether the task at hand was cutting hundreds of ribbons for certificates or assisting with the tiring committee workload, and he has always been there, focused and ready to help; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the legislative intern program, he plans to focus on graduation and broadening his knowledge of public service so that he may also someday serve this country through public office; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, Matthew Herriman has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commend Matthew Stephen Herriman for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Steve Hall and Representative Harry Brooks and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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

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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES