



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 304

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to commend Samantha Leigh Ferrell 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, Samantha Leigh Ferrell is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Jack Johnson; Samantha's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Troy and Rhonda Ferrell of Nashville, Samantha graduated with high honors from Lebanon High School in May 2006; and

WHEREAS, a student at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Honors College, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Samantha has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science with a Pre-Law concentration, minoring in Psychology and Philosophy, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including holding membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Gamma Beta Phi and Sigma Alpha Lambda honorary societies, as a 2010 Associate Justice on the Court of Traffic Appeals, and on the 2008-2009 MTSU Mock Trial A Team; and

WHEREAS, also while attending college, Ms. Ferrell volunteered at The Brooks House Shelter, served as a St. Clair Street Senior Center Volunteer, participated in HULSED Fashion Show as a clothing model, and led a book drive for a local elementary school on behalf of the intern class; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her singular achievements, Samantha Ferrell has successfully finished graduation requirements for MTSU Honors College, which included the completion and defense of an honors thesis titled: "Judicial Review: What if Jeffersonian Constitutional Thought had been Impressed upon the Marshall Court?"; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished young woman's future plans include attending the University of Kentucky in the fall of 2011 as a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science; and

WHEREAS, highly involved in the political process, Samantha worked assiduously for Senator Jack Johnson as an intern for the Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture Committee, to which she dedicated many hours throughout session writing summaries and analyzing bills; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Samantha Ferrell brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2011 session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2011 legislative session, Ms. Ferrell has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ferrell 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, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Samantha Leigh Ferrell for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Jack Johnson 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.

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ADOPTED: May 5, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR