

## State of Tennessee

## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 180**

## By Representative Butt

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Hannah Bryant, Maury County's Youth Governor's Volunteer Star of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for those around them; and

WHEREAS, Hannah Bryant is one such estimable young woman who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors. In fitting recognition for her many good works, Hannah was recently chosen as the Youth Governor's Volunteer Star of the Year for Maury County; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Governor's Volunteer Star Awards are given to adult and youth volunteers throughout the state of Tennessee who have compiled outstanding records of dedication and selfless service to others while exhibiting innovative approaches and generous commitment to improving their communities; and

WHEREAS, as one of Tennessee's 1.4 million volunteers, Hannah Bryant represents the backbone of this great state, and she embodies the spirit of giving by volunteering her time and talents to fulfill the needs of others; and

WHEREAS, at the age of twelve, Hannah volunteered to help at her church's food bank, where she was affected by the girls who accompanied the mothers picking up food. She wanted to do something for those girls in her area who were less fortunate, so she organized her first purse drive; and

WHEREAS, that first drive collected enough purses to give one to each of fifty girls, and Miss Bryant filled these purses with little gifts before distributing them; and

WHEREAS, through her unwavering dedication to serving others, Hannah has cultivated an impressive ministry during her teenage years. Most recently, Hannah's Purse Drive collected more than 1,000 purses, each of which was filled with \$150-\$200 of sundry items, including scarves, socks, school supplies, books, journals, and jewelry; and

WHEREAS, she now works with a number of local organizations, including Casa of Maury County, The We Care Food Pantry, The Family Center, and The Boys and Girls Club; Hannah, whose motto is "Spreading God's love one purse at a time," has positively influenced the lives of thousands of young girls; and

WHEREAS, Hannah Bryant is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Miss Bryant is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Hannah Bryant for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, congratulate her selection as the Youth Governor's Volunteer Star of the Year from Maury County, and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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: March 17, 2014

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES