

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1450

By Ragan

A RESOLUTION to commend Christopher Coffey for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Coffey is one such individual, who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative John Ragan; Mr. Coffey's work with Chairman Ragan and the House Government Operations Committee has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Lee University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Coffey is pursuing Bachelor of Arts degrees in political science and the classics, and he plans to pursue a career in government or politics; and

WHEREAS, during his collegiate career, Christopher Coffey has participated in numerous extracurricular activities, including the National Society of Leadership and Success; the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Politeia Society; the Lee University Creation Care Club; the Political Science Honor Society; and the Lee University College Republicans, which he serves as president; and

WHEREAS, he was previously a member of the American Enterprise Institute Summer Honors Program and the Lee University Apologetics Club, which he served as co-president and chaplain; and

WHEREAS, prior to his time with the General Assembly, Christopher Coffey completed an internship with the Chattanooga office of U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn; he also resided in

Costa Rica, where he worked with a nonprofit organization, Upward Spirals, as a research analyst; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coffey was an operations officer in NJROTC, and he joined the U.S. Army Reserve while he was still in high school and served as an automated logistics technician; he graduated from Basic Combat Training mere days before returning to school; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further his studies, Christopher Coffey brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2024 session of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2024 legislative session, Mr. Coffey has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Coffey has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and profound decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Christopher Coffey for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative John Ragan and extend to him 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.