



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 982

By Representatives Fitzhugh, Holt

and

Senators Faulk, Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate WUTM 90.3 The Hawk for winning the Abraham and Borst Award for Best Overall Radio Station in the Nation.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and commend those successful collegiate organizations that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable institution is WUTM 90.3 The Hawk, the 175-watt, Class A, noncommercial, student-run radio station at the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM); and

WHEREAS, licensed to the University of Tennessee by the Federal Communications Commission and operated by the UTM Department of Communication, WUTM recently won the Abraham and Borst Award for Best Overall Radio Station in the Nation at the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Conference held in New York City; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1940 by George Abraham and David W. Borst, the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System, Inc. (IBS) is the fastest growing broadcasting group in the world and boasts a membership of more than 1,000 high school, community college, and university radio stations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to winning this illustrious honor, WUTM also captured the award for Best College/ University Station with under 10,000 enrollment, was named a Platinum Level Station (the highest peer-review level award given annually by the organization), and was named a finalist for the Best Website Award; and

WHEREAS, several WUTM staff members also took home top individual honors at the conference; and

WHEREAS, Senior Sports and Remote Director Josh Lemons won Best Celebrity/Artists Interview for his interview with Jerry Reese, the General Manager of the New York Giants, and Mr. Lemons and Senior Program Director Benita Evans also received the Best Public Affairs Series title for their brilliant work on the opening of the UTM baseball and softball complex; and

WHEREAS, numerous students were also finalists at the national conference, including Allison Jones for Best Campus News Coverage, Josh Lemons for Best Sports Talk Program, Leah Kerassidis for Best Talk Program, Brandon Doyle and Rachel Stephens for Most Creative Show, the UT Martin Radio Production Class for Best Radio Drama, Joel Flowers for Best Podcast, and Benita Evans for Best Newscast, Best Community News, and Best Public Affairs Program; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, the latest WUTM honors come just weeks after the all-student staff was awarded Best of the South at the 2012 Southeast Journalism Conference in February, marking the third straight year that the station took home the top prize; and

WHEREAS, these phenomenal achievements would not have been possible without the astute leadership of station adviser Dr. Richard Robinson; and

WHEREAS, WUTM's outstanding accomplishments are a source of great pride for the good people of Tennessee, a State which celebrates a long tradition of commitment to the highest ideals of public service; and

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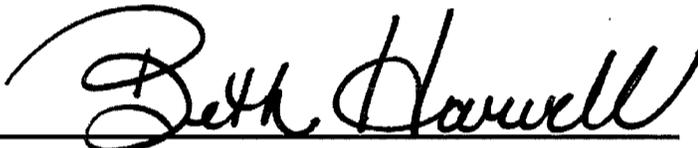
WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the staff of WUTM 90.3 The Hawk for its impressive accomplishment and its dedication to providing its listeners with countless hours of reliable information, quality entertainment, and compassionate public service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the WUTM 90.3 The Hawk staff for winning the Abraham and Borst Award for Best Overall Radio Station in the Nation, applaud them for exemplifying broadcasting standards of the highest order, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

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: APRIL 23, 2012


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 26th day of April 2012


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR