



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

By Tate

A RESOLUTION to commend Brandon Allen McArthur 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, Brandon Allen McArthur is one such estimable individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Reginald Tate; Brandon's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators and staff members he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a native and lifelong resident of Crockett County, Tennessee, Brandon was born on May 4, 1985, to Betty Ann McArthur and Leston Andrew McArthur and is the devoted brother of Sherry, Lisa, Tammy, and Leston Andrew McArthur, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, a 2003 graduate of Crockett County High School, Brandon studied at Jackson State Community College (JSCC), where he was a member of the Jackson-Madison County Anti-Drug Coalition, the President's Council, the Spanish Club, and Phi Theta Kappa; and

WHEREAS, he quickly developed an interest in public service, performing as the president of the JSCC Student Government Association from 2010-2011 and a senator of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature from 2009-2010; and

WHEREAS, possessing the strength of character to overcome any challenge in his path, this hardworking and determined young man worked his way through school, holding positions in the JSCC's Financial Aid, Student Services, and Registration offices; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating *cum laude* with an Associate of Arts degree, Brandon transferred to the University of Memphis, where he is currently enrolled and has further demonstrated academic excellence by making the Dean's List; and

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

WHEREAS, evincing great commitment to excellence in every endeavor and a genuine interest in and appreciation for lawmaking, Brandon has worked assiduously during this session to promote the estimable principles of democracy, fairness, and equity in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Brandon McArthur epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, Brandon McArthur has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern and has performed his 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, that we hereby commend and thank Brandon Allen McArthur for his outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Reginald Tate and for the example he sets as a proud Tennessee native, a hardworking student with great academic strength, and a model citizen, 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.

ADOPTED: March 15, 2012

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 696

**By Senators McNally, Bell, Campfield, Massey, Kyle, Barnes, Beavers, Berke, Burks, Crowe, Faulk, Finney, Ford, Gresham, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Marrero, Norris, Overbey, Roberts, Southerland, Stewart, Summerville, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Yager, Mr. Speaker Ramsey**

**and**

**Representatives Armstrong, Harry Brooks, Kevin Brooks, Brown, Campbell, Camper, Carr, Casada, Cobb, Coley, Cooper, Curtiss, Dean, John Deberry, Lois DeBerry, Dennis, Dunn, Elam, Eldridge, Evans, Faison, Favors, Fitzhugh, Floyd, Ford, Forgety, Gilmore, Gotto, Halford, Hall, Hardaway, Harmon, Harrison, Hawk, Haynes, Hensley, Hill, Curtis Johnson, Phillip Johnson, Jones, Keisling, Kernell, Lollar, Lundberg, Maggart, Marsh, Matheny, Matlock, McCormick, McDaniel, McDonald, McManus, Don Miller, Larry Miller, Montgomery, Moore, Naifeh, Niceley, Odom, Parkinson, Pitts, Powers, Pruitt, Ramsey, Rich, Richardson, Roach, Sanderson, Sargent, Sexton, Shaw, Shepard, Shipley, Sontany, Sparks, Stewart, Swann, Tidwell, Tindell, Todd, Towns, Johnnie Turner, Mike Turner, Watson, Weaver, White, Kent Williams, Ryan Williams, Windle, Wirgau, Womick, Madam Speaker Harwell**

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sergeant Lowell Russell for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and wish him a full and speedy recovery.

WHEREAS, our Nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public's safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety and risk their lives on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through public service, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Lowell Russell is one such noteworthy individual who is making immeasurable contributions to his community as a Tennessee Highway Patrolman and who exhibits superior standards of professional conduct and ethics; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Russell was seriously injured in the line of duty on March 13, 2012, after a tractor-trailer rig hit his police cruiser on Interstate 40 (I-40) after making a traffic stop; and

WHEREAS, Knoxville police officer Andrew Keith arrived on the scene just moments after the crash occurred; and

WHEREAS, according to police reports, Officer Keith was traveling east on I-40 near the Walker Springs Road interchange when he saw Sergeant Russell had a vehicle stopped on the westbound side. Officer Keith opted to see if Sergeant Russell needed backup, so he took the next exit to get on the westbound lanes; the crash occurred as Officer Keith was getting back onto I-40; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Russell was in his cruiser on the right shoulder of I-40 when the truck struck his vehicle, sending it across three lanes of traffic before smashing it against the concrete median wall; and

WHEREAS, Officer Keith arrived just seconds after an ambulance crew from McMinn County. The American Medical Response ambulance had just taken a patient to a Knoxville hospital and was returning when it encountered the crash in the early hours of the morning; and

WHEREAS, the ambulance crew, consisting of Freddie Leslie and Kristi Graham, and Officer Keith noted that Sergeant Russell was unresponsive and began to perform CPR as the flares and ammunition in Sergeant Russell's police cruiser exploded, burning the hands of one of the paramedics, who was taken to the University of Tennessee (UT) Medical Center and later released. Quick response of Officer Keith and the ambulance paramedics saved his life; and

WHEREAS, at this time, Sergeant Russell remains in critical condition at the UT Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, a fourteen-year veteran of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Sergeant Russell was serving as the midnight supervisor at the time of his accident. He also has a brother, Cory Russell, who is a trooper in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those law enforcement officers who have dedicated themselves to protecting and serving their fellow citizens while risking their lives; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Russell is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his courage and gallantry as an esteemed member of the local law enforcement; 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 honor the valiant Tennessee Highway Patrol Sergeant Lowell Russell for his meritorious service in the line of duty, thank him for his service to the good people of Tennessee, and extend to him our sincerest wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

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

APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2012

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR