## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 466**

## By Montgomery

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Samuel Lee Thomas, 2011 Valedictorian of Seymour High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Lee Thomas is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Seymour High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Samuel has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Thomas has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including tennis, baseball, basketball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Beta Club, and Friends of Rachel Club; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Mr. Thomas has endeavored to serve his fellow citizens through volunteer work with Kids Against Hunger and C.R.O.S.S. Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas is an active and devout member of his church, where he has faithfully participated in the Big Creek Kentucky Mission Trip, Operation Backyard, and the One Vision Dominican Republic Mission Trip; and

WHEREAS, Samuel's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Geaion and Katie Thomas, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Samuel's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; 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 commend and honor the 2011 Seymour High School Valedictorian, Samuel Lee Thomas, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

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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