

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 672

By Sanderson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Maryanna McClure of Dyersburg High School upon winning the National FFA's Agriscience Fair.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those young citizens who have evidenced leadership, personal growth, and career success in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding young woman is Maryanna McClure, a student at Dyersburg High School and a member of the Tennessee Future Farmers of America (FFA); and

WHEREAS, Miss McClure recently made Tennessee FFA history by becoming the first person from the association to win the National FFA's Agriscience Fair. Her project, was based on the use of breeding to develop colors and fleece type in her Cotswold sheep; and

WHEREAS, the project, titled "Natural Color or White, the Genes Will Decide," began in Maryanna's high school biology class with the help of her teacher, Deborah Gatlin; and

WHEREAS, Miss McClure's project garnered much attention when she won the Tennessee FFA competition and, subsequently, the National Agriscience Fair. As a result, she will have the opportunity to present her project to President Barack Obama at the second annual White House science fair in February 2012, an extraordinary feat that no other member of the Tennessee FFA has accomplished to date; and

WHEREAS, Maryanna is one of just ten students who will present her project to the President in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Dyersburg High School's FFA program has a long history of producing outstanding students; and

WHEREAS, the program, which was chartered in 1934, has brought home nineteen West Tennessee Cups, which are presented each year to the most outstanding FFA chapter in West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Miss McClure is an honor student and serves as her high school's FFA President and as the Regional Vice President of the West Tennessee FFA; and

WHEREAS, she attended the Governor's School for Agricultural Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Martin in the summer of 2011, and she serves with acumen and alacrity on the Dyer County Fair Youth Board; and

WHEREAS, she is the daughter of Mickey and Pollyanna McClure of Dyersburg; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor surely bodes well for Maryanna's future success at Tennessee Technological University, which she plans to attend in pursuit of a degree in agricultural education and animal science; and

WHEREAS, Maryanna McClure has distinguished herself as one our most ingenious and most productive citizens, and she should be recognized on her receipt of this esteemed honor; 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 we honor and commend Maryanna McClure upon winning the National FFA's Agriscience Fair, congratulate her on presenting her project to President Barack Obama, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all her 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.