

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1397

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ethan O'Neil Jones,
2022 Valedictorian of Middle College High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we 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, Ethan O'Neil Jones is one such exceptional student, who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2022 graduating class at Middle College High School; and

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

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career as a first-generation and low-income student, Ethan Jones has earned an exemplary grade point average while conquering numerous challenges; and

WHEREAS, since the tenth grade, Mr. Jones has taken several Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses through Christian Brothers University, and he will graduate with forty-eight college credit hours; and

WHEREAS, participating in numerous extracurricular activities, Ethan Jones serves as a student ambassador, a recruiter for new students, vice president of Future Business Leaders of America, treasurer of the Student Government Association, founder of the Joyce C. Mitchell Choir, the yearbook editor, and a member of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to success, Ethan Jones was named a Luminary for Service for helping his school reach its goals; he is also a QuestBridge scholar and was awarded a full

scholarship, including tuition, board, and books for the next four years, at the University of Notre Dame; and

WHEREAS, Ethan Jones's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as an accounting student; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2022 Middle College High School Valedictorian, Ethan O'Neil Jones, 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.