

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 281

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Holly Paige Batey, 2009 Salutatorian of Montgomery Central 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, Holly Paige Batey is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class at Montgomery Central High School; and

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

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Batey has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the National Honor Society, the Future Business Leaders of America, the Student Government Association, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, she is ranked second in her senior class of 207 students, and she has a perfect attendance record stretching back over twelve years; in 2007, 2008, and 2009, she received the Clarksville-Montgomery County Education Foundation Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS, a remarkably gifted athlete, Ms. Batey has competed on her school's basketball, track, and varsity golf teams; she has been honored with a TSSAA Distinguished Scholastic Achievement Award four times; and

WHEREAS, her golfing skills have won her several notable accolades; she was named to the *Leaf-Chronicle* All-Area golf team and was a TSSAA Golf State Qualifier in 2006, 2007, and 2008. She will continue to play at Austin Peay State University, where she will attend on a golf scholarship; and

WHEREAS, although her academic and athletic pursuits have demanded much of her time, Ms. Batey has been able to serve as a Gateway Health System Volunteer, and she is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Clarksville; and

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Batey's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Joe and Paula Batey, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Montgomery Central High School Salutatorian, Holly Paige Batey, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her 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.