

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 555

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Gordon Arthur Counts,
2009 Top Ten Graduate of Bradford 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, Gordon Arthur Counts is one such exceptional student who was recently named one of the Top Ten students in the 2009 graduating class at Bradford High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Counts 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, Gordon has earned an exemplary 93.37 grade point average while participating in a number of clubs and organizations, including the Gibson County Mock Crash Team; Mu Alpha Theta; Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America; the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; the Beta Club; Chorus; and the Adopt a Grandparent program; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Mr. Counts was selected as a 2008 Volunteer Boys State Delegate and was elected Mayor of Maddux City for the 2008 school year; he also demonstrated outstanding leadership as an Anchor of "Good Morning BHS" and a member of the 2008 Prom Committee and Paper Drive; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades for his many achievements, Gordon Counts was the honored recipient of the Bradford High School Prudential Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Counts belongs to Temple Baptist Church, where he is an active and highly valued member; and

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

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Steven and Dorothy Counts, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Counts' 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 Bradford High School Top Ten Graduate, Gordon Arthur Counts, 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.