

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 652

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rahul Kumar, 2009
Valedictorian of Memphis University 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, Rahul Kumar is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Memphis University School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Kumar 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, Rahul has earned an exemplary 5.74 weighted grade point average while participating in a number of worthy extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, an academic leader at Memphis University School, Mr. Kumar was a member of the National Honor Society, the Latin Honor Society, the History Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, the Math Bowl Pro2Serve team, the YMCA Model U.N., and the Red and Blue Society; he served as Science Bowl Captain, a Student Tutor, a School Tour Guide, a Student Ambassador, a Memphis University School Ambassador, and a member of the Memphis University School IT Department; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Rahul Kumar won the Yale Book Award, a National Merit Letter of Commendation, the AP Scholar with Distinction Award, the Wayne Duff Latin Award, the Margaret Owen Catmur Science Award, the Christa Green Warner Mathematics Award, the Ross McCain Lynn Award, the National Latin Exam Book Award, and First Place in the City for his remarkable performance on the ACS Competitive Exam in

Chemistry; he was also a Dean's Scholar all four years at Memphis University School, and he was awarded a summer internship in molecular diagnostics two years in a row; and

WHEREAS, committed to serving the larger community outside his school, Rahul Kumar was also a Youth Section Leader with the India Association of Memphis; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Kumar's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Vishad Kumar, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, his 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 Memphis University School Valedictorian, Rahul Kumar, 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.