

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 845

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Riley Elizabeth Pitts,
2012 Valedictorian of Houston County 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, Riley Elizabeth Pitts is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class at Houston County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Riley Pitts 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, Riley has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular endeavors, including serving as the president of the Student Council and vice president of the Future Farmers of America; as a member of the Beta Club, 4-H and 4-H Congress, and Youth Leadership Houston County; and a judge and participant in beef and livestock shows; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pitts has also been active in her community, dedicating her time as a volunteer with the Houston County Fair, as a member of Bible School and a volunteer for Erin Baptist Church, sitting as vice president of the Junior Fair board, and serving as the top livestock judge at the UTK Volunteer Classic; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Riley has been recognized as a Tennessee Scholar, garnered four consecutive Showmanship Awards, and won the Grand and Reserve Championship Star; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pitts's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success, as does her personal understanding that, as she puts it: " I feel like I may not be the smartest student, but I know how to work and be persistent when I compete with others"; and

WHEREAS, Riley's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Chris and Gaye Pitts, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Riley Pitts's 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2012 Houston County High School Valedictorian, Riley Elizabeth Pitts, 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.