

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1249

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Chattanooga School for the Liberal Arts upon being named the top elementary magnet school in the United States by the Magnet Schools of America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, and students, have earned national accolades; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary institution is the Chattanooga School for the Liberal Arts (CSLA), which has been named the top elementary magnet school in the United States by the Magnet Schools of America; and

WHEREAS, CSLA, a K-8 school, is the second school from the Hamilton County district to earn this honor; and

WHEREAS, this award involves a careful study of school policies, activities, and accomplishments, as well as an on-site visit from officials of the Magnet Schools of America; and

WHEREAS, in this year's rigorous competition, 240 magnet schools of the many across the nation considered for awards made the first cut; of these, fifty-two schools were named as a national Magnet School of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, CSLA was the only Tennessee school included on this prestigious list of fifty-two, from which the association named four top schools, one in the new or emerging school category and one each in elementary, middle, and high school classifications; and

WHEREAS, the elementary award, which includes a \$2,500 stipend, was presented to school officials at the Magnet Schools of America national conference and validates CSLA's mission and the progress it makes in reaching useful educational goals; and

WHEREAS, emphasizing self-discipline and character education in its well-rounded curriculum, CSLA employs innovation to promote academic achievement in a healthful learning environment; this program has a proven record of excellence; and

WHEREAS, with many academic and other successes attracting a diverse student body to CSLA from the entire school district, the magnet school compels parents of prospective students to vigorously seek enrollment for their child and pledge to undertake eighteen hours of volunteer work when their child becomes a CSLA student; and

WHEREAS, under the outstanding leadership of Principal Krystal Scarbrough, the Chattanooga School for the Liberal Arts strives to teach students the skills they will need to lead successful lives as citizens of the 21st century, and its receipt of this award is fitting testimony to its proven record of achievement; and

WHEREAS, designation as the nation's top elementary magnet school honors the school district that willingly supports the magnet school concept as well as the parents and patrons who work diligently to create programs and experiences that make CSLA the nation's best in its class; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with the Chattanooga School for the Liberal Arts 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 honor and commend the administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents of the Chattanooga School for the Liberal Arts upon being named the top elementary magnet school in the United States by the Magnet Schools of America and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.