

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1859

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Laasya Challa, 2022
Salutatorian of East Hamilton 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, Laasya Challa is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2022 graduating class at East Hamilton High School; and

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

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Laasya Challa has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including Youth in Government, Model United Nations, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, which she served as president, and Mock Trial, which she served as vice president; she has received numerous Best Attorney and Best Witness awards as a participant in Mock Trial; and

WHEREAS, an alumni of the Governor's School for Integration of Biological and Statistical Sciences at East Tennessee State University, she is a National Merit Finalist and the winner of the Tennessee School Boards Association Southeast Student Recognition Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Challa has taken eight years of piano lessons while working toward a high school diploma in collaborative music; and

WHEREAS, Laasya Challa has written twenty articles on international politics, social activism, scientific innovations, and popular culture for *The Just Journal*; and

WHEREAS, she gives back to her community by volunteering regularly with Morning Pointe Alzheimer's Center of Excellence, the VolunTEEN program at Erlanger Baroness Hospital, and McKamey Animal Center; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Challa's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Vanderbilt University, where she plans to study neuroscience on a pre-med academic track; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Laasya Challa's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2022 East Hamilton High School Salutatorian, Laasya Challa, 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.