

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7048

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Melissa Lucas of TCAT  
Morristown on her first-place finish at the 2023  
SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills  
Conference.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we recognize those industrious, talented students of  
Tennessee who bring pride and honor to our State; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Melissa Lucas of Tennessee College of Applied  
Technology (TCAT) Morrystown, who participated in the 2023 SkillsUSA State Leadership and  
Skills Conference in Chattanooga on April 16-19, 2023, and took home a gold medal in the  
Engineering Technology Design and Computer Aided Design Technology competition; and

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit partnership of students, instructors, and  
more than 650 corporations, trade associations, businesses, and labor unions that works to  
ensure that America has the skilled workforce it needs to stay competitive; founded in 1965 and  
endorsed by the United States Department of Education, the association serves more than  
400,000 students and instructors each year in middle schools, high schools, and colleges,  
focusing on 130 trade, technical, and skilled-service occupations; and

WHEREAS, as a gold medal recipient, Ms. Lucas advanced to the National SkillsUSA  
Championship in Atlanta, Georgia, where she competed against the best in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Lucas's display of aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her  
future success, and her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of our respect, admiration,  
and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate Melissa Lucas of

TCAT Morristown on her gold-medal victory in Engineering Technology Design and Computer Aided Design Technology competition at the 2023 SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference, extending our best wishes for much continued success in all her future endeavors.

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.