

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 357  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and specially recognize Sharon Thackston on her numerous academic accomplishments, including being named the 2001 Columbia Central High School Valedictorian.

WHEREAS, Well-rounded students, who excel in the classroom, are school leaders in extracurricular activities, and exhibit exceptional musical ability are truly Renaissance persons; and

WHEREAS, At a time when we often focus on the negative aspects of our young people, it is very refreshing to learn of students such as Sharon Thackston, the 2001 Columbia Central High School Valedictorian; and

WHEREAS, Her exceptional grade point average is a tremendous credit to her hard work, intelligence, and marvelous dedication; and

WHEREAS, Sharon's long list of honors and awards includes being a participant in the 1999 Governor's School for the Humanities, receiving the 2000 National History and Government Award, earning First Place in the 2000 Columbia State Community College

Prejudged Poetry Contest, receiving the 2000 United States Achievement Academy Award, and placing second in the High School Science Fair; and

WHEREAS, A member of the prestigious 2001 Tennessee Honors Program, she has been listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* a remarkable four times; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished scholar has served the Beta Club admirably as Treasurer and Mu Alpha Theta expertly as Secretary, and has been a valued member of the National Honor Society, the Academic Team, the Junior Classical League, and the Pep Club; and

WHEREAS, From 1999-2000, Sharon was a Nursery Worker at Columbia First United Methodist Church and she has received much praise for her work at Shady Brook Cinema; and

WHEREAS, Her love for great music and her rare talent to produce great music has been clearly evidenced by her well received participation in four memorable musical productions as a member of the orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Sharon has been accepted to the highly regarded New York University Scholars Program at New York University; and

WHEREAS, She is the daughter of justifiably proud parents Carol and Carleton Thackston; and

WHEREAS, It is certainly fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially honor and commemorate the numerous accomplishments of this outstanding citizen and leader; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Sharon Thackston on being named the 2001 Columbia Central High School Valedictorian and wish her well in 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.