

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 513
By Baird

A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Marleah Thompson on her selection as the 2001 Valedictorian of Anderson County High School.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those students who, through their natural talents and unwavering commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Marleah Thompson is most assuredly one such exceptional student who is richly deserving of this body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, Her persistence and hard work have earned her recognition as the Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Anderson County High School; and

WHEREAS, Through industrious study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Marleah has achieved remarkable academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in our great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, In her remarkable high school career, Marleah Thompson has earned a commendable grade point average of 4.0; and

WHEREAS, A well-rounded individual and a sterling scholar, Ms. Thompson has been a valuable participant in many programs and clubs at Anderson County High School, including the

Student Government Association, the Class Committee, STARS, the Track team, Teens for Christ and the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Marleah has demonstrated her exceptional leadership abilities through meritorious service as Vice President (11th Grade) and Secretary (10th Grade) of the Student Government Association and as a peer tutor and mediator; and

WHEREAS, She has received numerous awards and honors in recognition of her academic prowess and her numerous other talents, including receipt of Outstanding Achievement Honors in Biology, Computer Typing, English, and Word Processing and being named Accounting Student of the Quarter and Year; and

WHEREAS, A DAR candidate, Marleah served regally as ACHS Homecoming Queen and was voted "Miss ACHS" by her peers; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding scholar will continue her education this fall as a student at East Tennessee State University; she plans to pursue a degree in Elementary Education and eventually become a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Marleah Thompson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; in an age where the youth of our country face great challenges, we can proudly state without equivocation that she represents all that is good in our young people today; and

WHEREAS, Marleah is an incredible source of pride for her parents, Mark D. and Melinda G. Thompson, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Her display of intellectual aptitude and ambition as a student at Anderson County High School surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; 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 hereby honor 2001 Anderson County High School Valedictorian, Marleah Thompson, for her many academic achievements, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness 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.