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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1040
By Turner (Ham)

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Marquita A. Carter, 2002
Salutatorian of Brainerd 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, Marquita A. Carter is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at Brainerd High School; and

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

WHEREAS, Marquita A. Carter has earned numerous honors during her high school career, including selection for the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, the Homecoming Court, the National Honor Roll, the American Legion Award, and the Brainerd High School Scholars; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Carter is an active member of her school and community, having participated in the Academy of Travel and Tourism, the Future Business Leaders of America, the Jabberwock 2000, and the Urban League Equal Opportunity Dinner; and

WHEREAS, she is a well-respected leader among her peers and has served as Junior Class Parliamentarian, Senior Class Parliamentarian, and a member of the Freshman and Sophomore Executive Boards and the Student Council Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, she is an active member of the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Marquita A. Carter's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her mother, Mrs. Valerie Carter, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carter's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at Middle Tennessee State University and throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, her 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 commend and honor Marquita A. Carter, 2002 Salutatorian of Brainerd High School, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for much happiness and every future success.

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