

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1046
By Turner (Ham)

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jason Smith, 2002
Valedictorian of Hixson 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, Jason Smith is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Hixson High School; and

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

WHEREAS, Jason Smith has earned numerous honors during his high school career, including the National Merit Commendation, the Tennessee Governor's School for the Sciences, the United States Achievement Academy All-American Scholars, and *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

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WHEREAS, he also represented his school with acumen and alacrity at numerous academic competitions including, the Tennessee State Science Olympiad, the Tennessee Math Teachers' Association Math Competition, the Regional Science Olympiad, where he placed first in Qualitative Analysis and in Chemistry Lab, and the Tennessee Math Competition, where he was a member of the Top 50; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is an active member of his school and community, having participated in the ECO-Club, the National Honor Society, the National Beta Club, the Tennessee Gifted Program, Model United Nations, and the Literary Magazine; he also served as a peer tutor and Hixson High School Webmaster; and

WHEREAS, a gifted musician, he has played the viola for eight years and is a four-year member of the Hixson High School Orchestra; in 2001, he ranked second at the ETSBOA Competition and performed at the Tivoli Theatre in Chattanooga; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success in college and throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, his 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 Jason Smith, 2002 Valedictorian of Hixson High School, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him 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.

