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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1085
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Gavin Butler Pinkston,
2002 Valedictorian of Columbia Academy.

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, Gavin Butler Pinkston is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Columbia Academy; and

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

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Pinkston has earned an exemplary 4.0 Grade Point Average while actively participating in various activities; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Pinkston has exhibited his athletic ability as a four-year member of his high school's football and baseball teams and played basketball during both his Freshman and Senior years; and

WHEREAS, his athleticism has been recognized by his nomination as a Wendy's High School Heisman State Finalist, as an All-American Christian Student Athlete by making First Team Honorable Mention, and as an Honorable Mention of the 2000 Football All-State Team; his skill on the baseball diamond has been recognized by his inclusion on the Baseball All-District Team; and

WHEREAS, Gavin is also a member of the Junior Civitan Club and the Science Club; admired by his peers, he was voted as Mr. Columbia Academy and as the Junior Civitan District Governor; he has participated in Mock Trial and the Spiritual Emphasis Council; and

WHEREAS, he has been honored by being featured in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and as a member of Youth Leadership Maury; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pinkston's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Gavin Butler Pinkston's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Garth and Sharon Pinkston, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gavin Butler Pinkston'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 commend and honor 2002 Columbia Academy Valedictorian, Gavin Butler Pinkston, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

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