

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 651
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Leslie Nicole Wilhite,
2002 Valedictorian of Beech 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, Ms. Leslie Nicole Wilhite is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Beech High School; and

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

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, due to her outstanding commitment to academic excellence, Ms. Wilhite has earned numerous honors and awards, including Academic Achievement Awards in Mathematics, Spanish, Marketing and World History; she is also the recipient of the Woodmen of the World Award for Academic Excellence in United States History; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these honors, Leslie Nicole Wilhite was selected "Most Intellectual" by her peers as part of the Senior Superlative Awards; and

WHEREAS, a sterling individual, Leslie possesses tremendous musical talent and is a valuable member of her high school's Marching Band and Jazz Band; she also possesses remarkable ability as a thespian and has participated in numerous productions with the Hendersonville Arts Council Theatre; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among her peers; Miss Wilhite is active in numerous scholastic and service organizations, including the National Honor Society the Distributive Education Clubs of America, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Future Business Leaders of America, the JCL, the Governor's School for International Studies the Foreign Language Club and the National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, a young lady of impeccable character, Miss Wilhite is an active member of the Long Hollow Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Nicole Wilhite's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she pursues a career in Broadcast Journalism; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilhite's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Beech High School Valedictorian, Leslie Nicole Wilhite, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her 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.