

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 790
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Thomas O. McDermott,
2002 Salutatorian of Gatlinburg-Pittman 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, Thomas O. McDermott is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. McDermott 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, Thomas has earned an exemplary grade point average and received the prestigious National Merit Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDermott has served diligently and assiduously as the Vice President of his Senior Class and President of the Latin Club; and

WHEREAS, the Lieutenant and Principal Trumpet of the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Band, he was named to the All-East Tennessee Band; and

WHEREAS, he further represented and supported his school as a member of the Varsity Soccer Team and the Varsity Bowling Team; and

WHEREAS, Thomas McDermott's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at Rice University in Houston, Texas, where he will major in Chemical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Thomas O. McDermott's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, William and Elizabeth McDermott, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDermott'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 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Salutatorian, Thomas O. McDermott, 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.