

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 793

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Amber N. Noel, 2002
Valedictorian 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, Ms. Amber N. Noel is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian 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, Ms. Noel 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. Noel has earned numerous honors and awards, including a National Merit Scholarship, the National Beta Club Scholarship, two Gold Medals in the Regional Competition of the Academic Decathlon, the National Latin Exam Award and the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader among her peers, Ms. Noel is the founder of the Teen Volunteer Network and a member of the Board of Directors; she also was selected to be a Delegate at the 2001 Volunteer Girls' State Program; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented individual, Ms. Noel possesses tremendous athletic talent as she has participated on both the school's Tennis and Cross-Country teams; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Noel was the first seeded player on the 2002 Tennis team and compiled an astounding record of eleven wins and no losses; her remarkable performance greatly contributed to the team's 2002 Regular Season Championship; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Noel also competed with the Cross-Country team, as she finished 32nd in the Regional Competition and competed in the State Competition; and

WHEREAS, an enthusiastic member of the student body, Ms. Noel is active in numerous scholastic organizations, including the Interact Club and the school's newspaper; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Ms. Noel participates in numerous community service organizations, including the National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, she was listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for her dedication to scholastic achievement and her commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, a young lady of impeccable character, Ms. Noel is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Sevierville; and

WHEREAS, Amber N. Noel's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she plans to attend the University of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Noel's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Mark and Jane Noel, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Noel'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

Valedictorian, Amber N. Noel, 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.