

SENATE RESOLUTION 157
By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Gilbert Calen Verbist,
2002 Salutatorian of Rossvie 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, Gilbert Calen Verbist is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at Rossvie High School; and

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

WHEREAS, during his remarkable high school career, Gilbert has earned an outstanding 3.61 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert Calen Verbist has earned numerous honors during his high school career, including winning "Best of Show" at the Junior Classical League 2001 State Convention

Pentathlon and the National Council of English Teachers Essay Contest; he is also a two-year Academic Banquet Attendee and Excel Card Recipient; and

WHEREAS, he is an invaluable contributor to his community and has participated in numerous organizations and activities; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he has served as a Church Camp Staffer and led teams for church programs; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert is a respected leader among his peers and has served as President of the National Honor Society, Publicity Chair and Consul of the Junior Classical League, and Chief Editor of the Literary Magazine; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Verbist'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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor Gilbert Calen Verbist, 2002 Salutatorian of Rossvie 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.