

HOUSE RESOLUTION 205
By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Erin Leigh Parker upon receiving the January 2006 Youth Excellence Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the 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, Erin Leigh Parker is one such exceptional student who was recently honored by the Germantown Board of Mayor and Aldermen, together with the Germantown Education Commission, as the recipient of the January 2006 Youth Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Parker has achieved remarkable success in her endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Erin Parker strives for excellence in all her course work; she has completed numerous honors classes and eight advanced placement classes during her four years at Germantown High School, and she ranks 25th in the 2005 senior class; and

WHEREAS, in her distinguished high school career, Ms. Parker has maintained an exemplary grade point average of 3.9; she is an active member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Latin Honor Society, Options, Key Club, and Computer Club, while also volunteering in the school media center and guidance office; and

WHEREAS, Erin Parker shows her dedication to team sports as a member of the 2005 Germantown High School state champion volleyball team; her commitment and outstanding performance are indicative of her strong work ethic, for which she was selected as Germantown's nominee for the Wendy's High School Heisman Trophy, an award based on student accomplishments in academics, athletics, and community service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parker also holds a rare Girl Scout honor, the Gold Award, which recognizes skills in organization and leadership together with fifty hours of community service; she earned the award for her experience in joining with a fellow Girl Scout to run a two-week summer sports youth camp at the Porter-Leah Center; and

WHEREAS, Erin Parker recently served as president of the Temple Israel's youth group, BBYO, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, and, in December of 2005, she received the Star of Deborah Award during the BBYO regional convention for her community service work; she has received the Daughters of the American Revolution Community Service Award and donated her hair to Locks of Love on two occasions to support children who lost their hair due to disease; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parker and her display of intellectual aptitude, ambition, and community involvement surely bode well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parker's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Parker, her school, her church, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Erin Parker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the legislative body; she epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor Erin Leigh Parker upon receiving the January 2006 Youth Excellence Award, congratulate her on her impressive accomplishments and academic achievements, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

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