

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 278
By Black

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Clayton Hurdle for his meritorious achievement as a winning playwright.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable young citizens who bring the joys of artistic expression and culture to the fine people of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Clayton Hurdle, who was selected as the winning playwright to represent Tennessee by the Vision Strength Artistic (VSA) Arts International Playwright Discovery Competition; and

WHEREAS, the VSA Arts International Playwright Discovery Competition accepts submissions by middle school and high school students from across the country with the ultimate goal of selecting one play to be presented at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with this competition, actor Alex Wallace provided instruction on writing plays to students in Sumner County through a grant provided by Dollar General; and

WHEREAS, a student at Merrol Hyde Magnet School in Hendersonville, Tennessee, Clayton Hurdle was selected as the winning playwright to represent Tennessee; his play was given a performance reading by Edmon Thomas's acting class at Volunteer State Community College, and the Rotary provided prizes; and

WHEREAS, his creative play entitled *Joe's Summer* is about a seventh-grade student who spends his summer at a mission jail house in Murphy, Idaho, with the criminally insane; and

WHEREAS, Clayton Hurdle epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurdle's creativity and ambition has inspired applause from the arts community of our nation and has brought honor to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Clayton Hurdle for his exceptional dedication and diligence in becoming a winning playwright and extend to him our best wishes for his future success as he advances to the next level of competition.

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