

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 924

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Marian Ray, 2006  
Valedictorian of Raleigh-Egypt 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, Marian Ray is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Raleigh-Egypt High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Ray 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, Marian Ray has earned an exemplary 4.36 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous accolades; she was included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, was honored as an All-American Scholar, an Outstanding Senior, and as one of Memphis City Schools' Best and Brightest, received the William H. Sweet Award and International Foreign Language Award, and was voted "Most Scholarly" by her Senior classmates; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Marian is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, National Society of High School Scholars, and the National Spanish Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, a gifted athlete, she has been a valuable member of Raleigh-Egypt's varsity basketball and golf teams; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ray has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and she volunteers her time and considerable talents to worthy causes, including Bridge Builders, Food Bank, Hurricane Katrina Clothes Drive, Moriah House, and service as a tutor; and

WHEREAS, Marian's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success as a student at Tougaloo College, where she plans to pursue studies in Education and Psychology; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Rhonda and Donald Johnson, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ray'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 FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Marian Ray, 2006 Raleigh-Egypt High School Valedictorian, 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.