

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 927

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Carllena Michelle Kirkland, 2006 Salutatorian 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, Carllena Michelle Kirkland is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian 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. Kirkland 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, Ms. Kirkland has earned an exemplary 4.3 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous accolades; she was honored as a Presidential Scholar, was named to the Honor Roll, was selected "Artist of the Year," and was voted "Most Likely To Succeed" by her Senior classmates; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Carllena Michelle Kirkland is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the National Honor Society, SECME, Mu Alpha Theta, National Spanish Honor Society, Beta Club, and the Art Club; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kirkland 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 service as a STAR Tutor, Kingdom Camp Counselor, and Teen Volunteer of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Carllena Michelle Kirkland's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success as a student at the University of Kentucky, where she plans to pursue studies in Accounting; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her mother, Angela Kirkland, her father, Melvin Childs, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kirkland'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 Carllena Michelle Kirkland, 2006 Raleigh-Egypt High School Salutatorian, 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.