

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1211

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Emily Ruth Pogue, 2008
Salutatorian of Columbia Central 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, Emily Pogue is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2008 graduating class at Columbia Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Pogue 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, Emily has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average taking a number of advanced placement and honors courses and participating in many extracurricular activities, such as Friends of Christian Athletes, Pep Club, Art Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and Key Club; and

WHEREAS, Emily Pogue has displayed natural leadership abilities, rendering astute service as President of the National Honor Society, Communications Secretary of Beta Club, Secretary of Interact, and Treasurer and Senator of the Student Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pogue's scholastic achievements have been duly noted with her receipt of many awards and accolades, including the Who's Who Award for three years, the National History and Government Award, the United States National Honor Student Award, the USAA National Science Merit Award, the Wendy's High School Heisman Award; induction into the National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, and Beta Club; and was a participant in Girls' State as a State Senator and City Councilwoman; and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated tremendous athletic ability on the soccer field, serving as a starting defense for four years and Co-Captain for the school's soccer team for two years, was a member of the All-District Team 8-AAA, was named Defensive Player of the Year in ninth grade, and received the Lion Pride Award; and

WHEREAS, despite her busy schedule, Emily still finds time to donate her time and incredible talents to such praiseworthy causes as Morning Pointe Assisted Living Home, the Red Cross blood drive, the Arthritis Foundation, and as a volunteer at Maury Regional Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Emily Pogue's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pogue's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Ann and Wayne Pogue, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Emily Pogue's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Central High School Salutatorian, Emily Ruth Pogue, 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.