

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 246

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Daniel Cunningham,
2007 Valedictorian of Seymour 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, Daniel Cunningham is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Seymour High School (SHS); and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Cunningham has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Daniel has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man has earned numerous other accolades; he was recognized as a National Merit Scholar and Tennessee Governor's Scholar in Humanities; was selected to the All-Region Cross Country Team and *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; received the Woodmen of the World U.S. History Award; and served as his school's delegate to Boys State; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Daniel is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the National Honor Society, NSHSS, Beta Club, and SHS's Track, Cross Country, Debate, Scholars Bowl, and Academic Decathlon teams; he also contributes to the SHS literary magazine; and

WHEREAS, he has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and he volunteers his time and considerable talents to worthy causes, including his school's recycling program and Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cunningham's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success as a student at Vanderbilt University, where he will continue his education through the auspices of several academic scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Daniel's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Brenda Cunningham and Jack Hatfield, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Cunningham'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 FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Daniel Cunningham, 2007 Seymour High School Valedictorian, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him 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.