

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 782

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dana N. Partington,
2008 Valedictorian of Sevier County 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 unflinching commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Dana Partington is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Dana 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. Partington has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular activities, including the Beta Club, the Key Club, Interact, Young Life, Smokey Mountain Youth Leadership, and the Sevierville Teen Board; and

WHEREAS, her astute performance in the classroom has garnered Ms. Partington several awards, including recognition by her peers with the superlative of Most Intellectual, placement on the National Honor Roll, entrance into three Tennessee Governor's Schools, a listing in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and many academic achievement awards; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Dana rendered sterling service as the President of HOSA and Vice President of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, she has donated her time and energies to a number of volunteer service projects and community organizations; and

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Partington's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Gisele and Russell Partington, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Dana Partington'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 commend and honor the 2008 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Dana N. Partington, 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.