

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1144

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kayla Denise Hughes,  
2008 Salutatorian of Oliver Springs 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, Kayla Denise Hughes is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2008 graduating class at Oliver Springs High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Hughes 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, Kayla has earned an exemplary 4.04 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young lady has earned numerous other accolades. She was included in the *News Sentinel's* Academic Achievers, the United States Achievement Academy's *Who's Who in English*, and *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; she was a delegate to the 2007 American Legion Girls State; and she won first place in chemical reactions at the 2007 Math and Science Regional Center Poster Symposium and first place in qualitative analysis of anions at the 2007 Roane State Academic Festival; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Ms. Hughes has been a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Student Council, the National Beta Club, the National Society of High School Scholars, the Bible Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Math and Science Regional Center Summer Program: Trio, the Roane County Youth Leadership Program, and Scholars Bowl; and

WHEREAS, a gifted athlete, Kayla played on the school softball team and served as its Captain; she also earned recognition as a member of the All-District team and as the recipient of the Student Athlete Award of Merit; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hughes has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and she volunteers her time and considerable talents to many worthy causes, including the REACH Program, the United Way School and Community Beautification Projects, the Blair Volunteer Fire Department, the Oliver Springs Community Ministries, and the Knoxville Zoo; she also has read to children at Oliver Springs Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, preparing herself thoroughly for the rigors and challenges of adult life, Kayla has worked at Home Depot since 2006; and

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

WHEREAS, Kayla's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Gary and Pam Hughes, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hughes'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 Oliver Springs High School Salutatorian, Kayla Denise Hughes, 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.