

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 517

By Tidwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Robert Byron Baker,  
2009 Valedictorian of Santa Fe Unit 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, Robert Byron Baker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Santa Fe Unit School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Robert Baker 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, Robert has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular organizations, including the Beta Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Drama Club, the Math and Science Club, and The People's Table; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Robert served as a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, class president, president of HOSA, an officer of the Beta Club, and as the manager of the yearbook staff; and

WHEREAS, he also won subject awards in Algebra I, Biology, Geometry, English III, and Forensic Science, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Robert is also deeply involved in the Goshen United Methodist Church and dedicates his time and energies to the youth group, MYF, and the Angel Tree program hosted by the church; and

WHEREAS, Robert Baker's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Robert's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Cindy and Winfred Baker, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Robert Baker'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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Santa Fe Unit School Valedictorian, Robert Byron Baker, 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.