

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 946

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Annabel Frances Williams, 2010 Valedictorian of Peabody 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, Annie Williams is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class at Peabody High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Annie 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, Annie earned an exemplary 99.16 average and a 4.0 grade point average, while also participating in a number of scholastic and civic organizations, including the Student Council, Pep Club, Beta Club, Junior Rotary, Science Club, Spanish Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, she rendered sterling service as the president of the Student Council, the Junior Rotary, and the Spanish Club; the vice president of the Science Club; and the treasurer of the Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, her many musical and theatrical talents were on display while playing oboe in the Peabody Band of Gold, serving as Field Commander her junior and senior years, and while participating in Nite Lite Theatre's summer youth plays and musicals; and

WHEREAS, Annie is also a talented dancer, and she attended the Governor's School for Arts Theatre in her junior year; performed in the regional youth ballet company, Ballet Arts, Inc., for eight years; and dances for the prestigious Pat Brown School of Dance in Jackson; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Annie was selected as an Outstanding Senior by her teachers, was named Miss PHS by her peers, and was chosen as an Ambassador for People to People in 2008; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her outstanding scholastic, musical, and theatrical achievements, Annie Williams also gives of her time and talents to the First Presbyterian Church in Trenton, of which she is a faithful member, singing in the choir and playing the handbells; and

WHEREAS, planning to attend the Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, this fall to study theatre and dance, Ms. Williams's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Dr. and Mrs. James L. Williams II; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. John Pollard, and Ms. Jenny Williams; her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Annabel Williams'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 Annabel Frances Williams, 2010 Peabody High School Valedictorian, be commended and honored on her impressive academic achievement. We 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.