

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 776

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Kermisha Tate on receiving the Pearl of Promise Award from the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce.

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 excellence, have distinguished themselves and brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Kermisha Tate, who recently received the Pearl of Promise Award at the Nautilus Awards Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce, honors a junior or senior female high school student who has demonstrated a strong scholastic aptitude in science and math, shines as a positive influence among her peers, and possesses a defined career goal and exceptional leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Boyd-Buchanan High School, Ms. Tate was chosen for this year's honor in appreciation of her noble goals and outstanding academic accomplishments; her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, an eloquent and gifted orator, Ms. Tate exhibited her talent for public speaking at a very young age, delivering a rousing speech at the closing ceremony of an enrichment camp when she was only in the second grade; and

WHEREAS, a true leader among her peers, Kermisha Tate works assiduously to better her school and community through her service as the president of the Boyd-Buchanan Student Council, the president of the Key Club, and the vice president of Future Business Leaders of America; and

WHEREAS, Kermisha Tate is a dedicated civic leader who has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through her work with the Girls Inc. Leadership

Team, the Infant Mortality Public Awareness Campaign in Tennessee, and her school's mentoring program; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ms. Tate, utilizing her brilliant oratory prowess, won a gold medal in the NAACP Academic Olympics' oratory category; and

WHEREAS, as a part of this most befitting honor, Ms. Tate will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship and a laptop computer, which will undoubtedly serve her well as she pursues her dream of attending the University of Southern California and majoring in political science; and

WHEREAS, driven by her passion to rid the world of injustice, Kermisha Tate aspires to serve her country as a United States Senator, and the intellectual aptitude, ambition, and character that earned Ms. Tate this award surely bode well for her future success in this endeavor and throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Kermisha Tate'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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kermisha Tate on winning the Pearl of Promise Award, thank her for serving as a wonderful example of the unsurpassed quality of Tennessee's youth, 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.