

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 387

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A RESOLUTION to commend Ariel Asher for placing first in the Letters About Literature contest.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those Tennesseans who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as young leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary young person is Ariel Asher, who participated in the Letters About Literature writing competition; and

WHEREAS, the Letters About Literature contest asks students to select a book, poem, or speech that they have strong reactions to and write a letter to the author; and

WHEREAS, Letters About Literature is a statewide program of Humanities Tennessee and national program of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress; and

WHEREAS, Ariel Asher, an eighth grader at Blackman Middle School, received a first place ranking in the contest for her letter to Orson Scott Card about *Ender's Game*; additionally, Ariel's letter will advance to compete in the national Letters About Literature competition; and

WHEREAS, the intellectual aptitude, ambition, and character displayed by Ariel Asher will surely bode well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Ariel Asher for being named the first place winner in the Letters About Literature contest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.