

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 218

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Signal Mountain Middle/High School for its academic and athletic achievements.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pay tribute to those public schools in Tennessee that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, coaches, students, and parents, have achieved significant milestones; and

WHEREAS, Signal Mountain Middle/High School is one such school that has received numerous honors and accolades in the 2018-2019 school year; and

WHEREAS, Signal Mountain Middle/High School was recently honored as a 2018 Reward School by the Tennessee Department of Education, the top distinction a school can earn in Tennessee; reward school status designates those schools that are improving overall student academic achievement and student growth for all students and for student groups, and this status was only awarded to twenty percent of schools in the State in 2018; and

WHEREAS, six students were recognized as 2019 National Merit Semi-Finalists and three as 2019 National Merit Commended Students; the National Merit Semi-Finalists are Emily Perez, Max Burk, David Cornea, Paolo Iacoponi, Jacob Little, and Jack Poss, and the National Merit Commended Students are Catherine Chimley, Sydney Houck, and Rachel Verneti. Additionally, both Max Burk and Jack Poss achieved perfect scores of 36 on the ACT Test; and

WHEREAS, the tenth-grade student body at Signal Mountain Middle/High School outscored the world average score on the International Baccalaureate Personal Project; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, these students have achieved outstanding academic

success and joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country;  
and

WHEREAS, exceptional in athletics as well as academics, Signal Mountain Middle/High School boasts three high school state championship teams: the girls' soccer team, coached by Richard Northcutt; the boys' golf team, coached by Rodney Mitchell; and the girls' cross-country team, coached by Dustin Carpenter; the boys' cross-country team, also led by Coach Carpenter, was state runner-up; and

WHEREAS, Signal Mountain Middle/High School is also proud to announce that language and literature teacher Kristin Robertson has been named the 2019 Hamilton County High School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the principal, faculty, staff, and coaches of Signal Mountain Middle/High School have built an environment that ensures students have the very best atmosphere for learning and athletics; and

WHEREAS, Signal Mountain Middle/High School's many accolades are a tremendous source of pride for the school's administration, teachers, coaches, students, and parents; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Signal Mountain Middle/High School is clearly deserving of our respect, admiration, and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Signal Mountain Middle/High School on its many academic and athletic achievements, salute the school's administration, faculty, staff, coaches, students, and parents, and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in the future.

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