

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 837

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Maxine Smith STEAM Academy upon its being named a National Blue Ribbon School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, and students, have earned national accolades; and

WHEREAS, Maxine Smith STEAM Academy in Memphis is one such exemplary institution, which was recently recognized by the United States Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbon School program honors only those public and private schools that demonstrate exceptional academic achievement as "Exemplary High Performing" or that make great advances in closing subgroup achievement gaps as "Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing" award winners; and

WHEREAS, Maxine Smith STEAM Academy is one of only a select number of schools in the nation selected to receive this coveted award, which places it among the top schools in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the administration, faculty, and staff of Maxine Smith STEAM Academy have built an environment at their school that ensures students have the very best atmosphere for learning; and

WHEREAS, Maxine Smith STEAM Academy's selection as a National Blue Ribbon School is a tremendous source of pride for its administration, teachers, students, parents, and community; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Maxine Smith STEAM Academy is clearly deserving of our respect, admiration, and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Maxine Smith STEAM Academy upon its being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, salute the school's administration, faculty, staff, and students on this prestigious award, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

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