



## State of Tennessee

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 485

By Representative Montgomery

and

Senator Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Michelle Lynn Kelly, 2011 Valedictorian of Pigeon Forge 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, Michelle Lynn Kelly is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Pigeon Forge High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Kelly 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, Michelle has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including Beta Club, Leo Club, American Legion Auxiliary Volunteer Girls State, Interact, and Student Government; and

WHEREAS, Miss Kelly's estimable leadership skills have enabled her to serve her fellow students as Junior Beta Club Historian, captain of basketball and wrestling cheerleading, Art Club president, yearbook editor-in-chief, Senior Beta Club president, Interact vice president, and senior class secretary; and

WHEREAS, her athletic prowess is evidenced by her participation in varsity football cheerleading, varsity basketball cheerleading, varsity wrestling cheerleading, varsity tennis, and varsity volleyball; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her singular achievements in academics, Michelle Lynn Kelly has received numerous awards and honors, including membership in the Top Ten Percent, Pride of Pigeon Forge, the Rotary Youth Leadership award, and as a *Knoxville News Sentinel* Academic Achiever; additionally, she participated in the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Math and Science Center Summer Component, *Turismo in the Smokies*, and the Arrowmont Student Art Exhibition 2011; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Miss Kelly has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens through volunteer work with numerous organizations and causes, including the United Way Shark Race, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Alzheimer's Memory Walk, the Stop Polio Foundation, Second Harvest Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, and River Rescue Clean-Up; and

WHEREAS, Michelle's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Miss Kelly's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Ty and Lynn Kelly, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Michelle's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

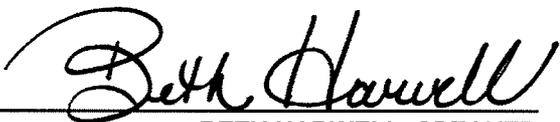
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2011 Pigeon Forge High School Valedictorian, Michelle Lynn Kelly, on her impressive academic achievement 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.

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ADOPTED: MAY 19, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR