



## State of Tennessee

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 488

By Representative Montgomery

and

Senator Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Bethany Gean Harkness, 2011 Salutatorian 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, Bethany Gean Harkness is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian 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, Bethany Harkness 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, Miss Harkness has earned an exemplary 3.96 grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Senior Beta Club and the Sevier County Choral Society; and

WHEREAS, committed to community and public service, Bethany has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens through her volunteer work at LeConte Medical Center and participation in food drives administered by her church; and

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

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Earl and Michele Harkness, her school, and her community; and

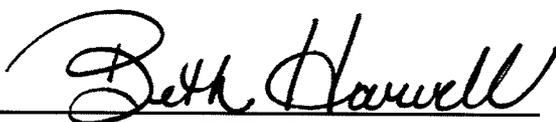
WHEREAS, Bethany Harkness's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

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 Salutatorian, Bethany Gean Harkness, 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