



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 341

By Kyle, Ford

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Trenton Devon Ellis, 2011 Valedictorian of Craigmont 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, Trenton Devon Ellis is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Craigmont High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Ellis has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Trenton has earned an exemplary 4.96 grade point average, while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including National Honor Society, Debate, Robotics Club, and Peer Mediators; and

WHEREAS, his athletic prowess is evidenced by his participation in bowling and tennis; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his singular achievements in academics, Trenton Ellis has received numerous awards and honors, including recognition as a National Achievement Finalist, winning the William H. Sweet Award, achieving AP Scholar, and placing second in the Black History Knowledge Bowl; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Mr. Ellis has endeavored to serve his fellow citizens through volunteer work with Casa Vecino, the Memphis Prep Soup Kitchen, Walk for the Cure, and community clean-up; and

WHEREAS, Trenton's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a student at Washington University, where he plans to study environmental and computer science; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Anthony and Linda Ellis; his school; and his community; and

WHEREAS, Trenton's 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2011 Craigmont High School Valedictorian, Trenton Devon Ellis, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

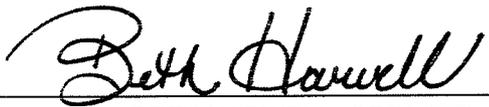
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 18, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR