



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 681

By Senator Beavers

and

Representative Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mary Elizabeth Copeland, 2012 Valedictorian of Clay County 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, Mary Elizabeth Copeland is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class at Clay County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Copeland 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, Ms. Copeland has earned an exemplary grade point average and has distinguished herself as a member of Future Business Leaders of America, Beta Club, Math Club and Science Club, Students Against Drunk Driving, and the archery team; and

WHEREAS, a valued altruist in her community, Ms. Copeland has participated in the Celina K-8 Mitten Tree and the Soles for Souls projects. Blessed with a beautiful voice and a love to share it, she also enjoys singing at local nursing homes and other venues in her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Copeland's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she continues her education at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, proud of her confidence to speak up and share her knowledge, perspective, and views with others, Ms. Copeland credits her parents as the most influential people in her life, who have helped her gain that confidence and truly believe in herself as a worthy and valuable human being; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Copeland's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, J. Lee and Melissa Copeland; her brother, Jesse Lee Copeland III; her school; and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Copeland'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 2012 Clay County High School Valedictorian, Mary Elizabeth Copeland, 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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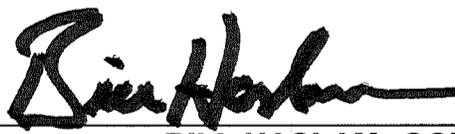


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2nd day of April 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR