



# State of Tennessee

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 804

By Senators Kyle, Marrero

and

Representative Lois DeBerry

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Javon Michael Ford, 2012 Valedictorian of Ridgeway 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, Javon Michael Ford is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class at Ridgeway High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Javon 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, Mr. Ford has earned an exemplary weighted grade point average of 5.2 and an unweighted grade point average of 3.8; and

WHEREAS, Javon has graciously donated his time and energies to numerous scholastic and extracurricular efforts, including serving as a member of the Honors Orchestra, Chamber and Concert Choir, Theatre, Lighting Design, and as a Media Director; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Ford has participated in the St. Jude Clean-Up, Memphis Beautiful Campaign, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation Benefit Concert, and he has served as the Youth Organization Church President; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Javon Ford has been a seventh to twelfth grade recipient of the William H. Sweet Award; he is a recipient of B.U.I.L.D.E.R. Awards in Chemistry, English, and AP European History and the Sewanee Book Award; and he is a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People ACT-SO Medalist for Playwriting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ford's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a college student, during which time he plans to major in Chemistry to pursue a career in medical research; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Pamela and Bobby Ford; his school; and his community; and

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

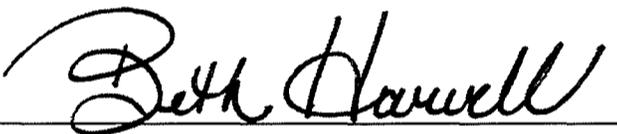
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2012 Ridgeway High School Valedictorian, Javon Michael Ford, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best 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: April 24, 2012

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR