



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Benjamin Kulas upon winning the Middle Tennessee 2011 Regional Spelling Bee.

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 unflinching commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as academic achievers; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Kulas is one such exceptional student who recently won first place in the Middle Tennessee 2011 Regional Spelling Bee held at Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, in the competition, which was sponsored by *The Tennessean*, Williamson County native Benjamin Kulas, who is home-schooled, evinced his supernal orthographic faculties throughout seventeen rounds of spelling challenges; and

WHEREAS, to claim the victory, he correctly spelled the final word "obfuscatory", the adjective form of "obfuscate", which means "to confuse, bewilder, or stupefy"; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin will now go on to Washington, D.C., to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee on June 1-2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kulas's display of intellectual aptitude surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents Jeff and Diane Kulas, his school, and his community, and 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, that we honor and commend Benjamin Kulas upon winning the Middle Tennessee 2011 Regional Spelling Bee and wish him every continued success in the future.

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

**ADOPTED: March 17, 2011**

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Ramsey", written over a horizontal line.

RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE