



State of Tennessee

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 98

By Berke, Stewart

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Carmen Traci Wooden, 2012 Valedictorian of South Pittsburg 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, Carmen Traci Wooden is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class at South Pittsburg High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Carmen 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. Wooden has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including serving as Junior and Senior Class President and Freshmen Class Vice-President and a member of the Beta Club, Leo Club, Interact Club, Yearbook Committee, Prom Committee, and Future Career and Community Leaders of America; she has also enjoyed participating in softball, cheerleading, gymnastics, FCA STARS, Powder Puff Football, and 4-H Congress; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Carmen Wooden has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens by volunteering with the EVES Program, working at the Cornbread Festival, cleaning Moore Cemetery, assisting with a veteran's breakfast, and participating in the Haunted Orchard, the First Annual Dog Walk, and a tornado relief project; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ms. Wooden was a Freshman, Junior, and Senior Homecoming Attendant and received recognition for her stellar efforts in Honors Biology, Accelerated English, Physical Science, World Geography, U.S. History, Spanish, Trigonometry, and Chemistry II; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wooden is also a talented athlete and was named All-District in softball, Best Defensive Player in softball, and Best of Preps 2nd Team in softball; and

WHEREAS, Carmen Wooden's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she pursues a degree in Accounting from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; she hopes to earn a law degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville one day and enter the legal field; and

WHEREAS, Carmen's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Tracy Wooden and Kristi Wooden; her school; and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wooden'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, that we hereby commend and honor the 2012 South Pittsburg High School Valedictorian, Carmen Traci Wooden, 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.

ADOPTED: April 23, 2012



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE