



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 100

By Watson, Berke

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Matthew Jesse Whisenant on being named Valedictorian at East Ridge 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, Matthew Jesse Whisenant is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class at East Ridge High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Matthew 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, he has earned an impressive grade point average while providing mature leadership and an excellent example for his peers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his impressive academic achievement, Mr. Whisenant is a member of the Book Club, Literary Club, and Art Club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Matthew won the Skills U.S.A. competition, represented his school at Boys State, and attended the Superintendent's Dinner; and

WHEREAS, he gives back to his community through the Goodwill Program; and

WHEREAS, Matthew's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a college student; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his mother, Laura Mathis; his school; and his community; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Whisenant'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 Matthew Jesse Whisenant, 2012 Valedictorian of East Ridge High School, congratulate him 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.

ADOPTED: **April 23, 2012**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE