



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 809

By Senators Barnes, Roberts

and

Representatives Evans, Phillip Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ivan Chesterfield Biggs, 2012 Valedictorian of Cheatham County Central 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, Ivan Chesterfield Biggs is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class at Cheatham County Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ivan 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, Ivan has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular activities, serving as the founder and editor of *The Bear News* and as a member of the French Club for four years, the Beta Club and Art Club for three years; the Theater Club for four years; and the Physics and Calculus Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Biggs has showcased his many talents in the lead roles of four high school theater productions and as singer and guitarist in his own band for three years; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ivan placed third in the district science fair and was voted "Most Talented" of his senior class; and

WHEREAS, Ivan's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at Vanderbilt University's School of Engineering, where he will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to develop new technologies; and

WHEREAS, Ivan's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Matthew Benson and Benjie Biggs; his school; and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ivan Biggs'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 Cheatham County Central High School Valedictorian, Ivan Chesterfield Biggs, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

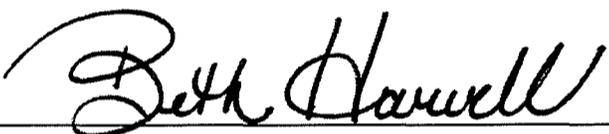
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: April 24, 2012



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 1st day of May 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR