

## State of Tennessee

## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 323**

## By Tracy, Ford

A RESOLUTION recognizing Kate Bowman on her designation as the National Police Athletic League Female Youth of the Year.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those intrepid young men and women who, through their unflagging efforts and dedications to excellence, bring honor to themselves and to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Kate Bowman, a senior at Smyrna High School, is one such individual who was recently recognized by the National Police Athletic League (NPAL) as the NPAL Female Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bowman, who has been an upstanding member of the LaVergne Police Athletic League (PAL) for eleven years, was chosen by the officials of NPAL from a large pool of candidates from across the Nation and, as the winner of the Female Youth of the Year award, will receive a scholarship and is invited to attend a dinner held in her honor at the NPAL conference in Reno. Nevada; and

WHEREAS, each candidate for the award was requested to write a two-page essay about the person who has had the greatest impact in the candidate's life and was required to submit letters of recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Kate Bowman wrote her essay about her parents, Scott and Jalaine Nodine, whom she credits with instilling in her the value system necessary for being a good, upstanding person; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bowman's fortitude in the face of adversity is inspirational; she missed the entirety of her sophomore and junior years of high school due to illness, but her dedication to the pursuit of her education has not wavered; and

WHEREAS, Kate Bowman's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, for LaVergne PAL Executive Director Gerry Howse, and for her school and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bowman's award-winning effort 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 congratulate Kate Bowman upon her recognition as the NPAL Female Youth of the Year, extending our best wishes for her every future success and happiness.

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

ADOPTED: May 12, 2011

For Ramon
RON RAMSEY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
Beth Harwell
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 20th day of May

BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR