



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 727

By Senators Barnes, Herron

and

Representative Wirgau

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dakota Scott Rakestraw, 2012 Valedictorian of Stewart County 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, Dakota Scott Rakestraw is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class at Stewart County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Dakota 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, Mr. Rakestraw has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Dakota has graciously dedicated his time and energies to numerous scholastic and extracurricular efforts, including serving as a member of the Future Business Leaders of America; President of the Foreign Language Club and Math Club; Vice President of the Science Club; and as a Leadership Officer for the Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Rakestraw has participated in Read Across America Day and has served the Providence Centralia Hospital Gift Shop; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dakota Rakestraw is a recipient of Black and Gold Awards in French I, Computer Applications, Chemistry II, and Spanish I; and he is a Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation Short Story Contest Winner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rakestraw's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a student at the University of Washington in Seattle, which he plans to attend to become an international lawyer and translator; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Russell and Rae Switzer; his school; and his community; and

WHEREAS, Dakota Rakestraw'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 Stewart County High School Valedictorian, Dakota Scott Rakestraw, 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 11, 2012



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 16th day of April 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR