



State of Tennessee

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 93

By Harris

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Zakiyah Walker, 2017 Valedictorian of The Soulsville Charter School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body 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, Zakiyah Walker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2017 graduating class at The Soulsville Charter School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, she achieved outstanding academic success and joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Walker earned an exemplary 5.33 grade point average while participating in a variety of extracurricular activities, including the volleyball team, AWANA, Math and Science for Minority Students, and John Buckman's Boys and Girls Club; she serves her community as an eighth grade tutor and as a member of the Memphis Ambassadors Program; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, she is the 2017 Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Award second-runner up; a Principal's List and Dean's List student; and a recipient of the Magna Cum Laude National Latin Exam Award; and

WHEREAS, her display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Howard University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Sharonda and Larry Walker, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Zakiyah Walker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor the 2017 The Soulsville Charter School Valedictorian, Zakiyah Walker, 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: **May 4, 2017**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy McNally".

RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE