## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 746**

## By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Hope Marie Adkins, 2014 recipient of the Niswonger Foundation Scholarship.

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, Hope Marie Adkins is one such exceptional student who was recently awarded the Niswonger Foundation Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, the Niswonger Foundation Scholarship is a four-year leadership scholarship from the Greeneville-based Niswonger Foundation which, through a "Learn, Earn and Return" philosophy, aims to encourage the best and brightest future leaders to return to their roots in Northeast Tennessee; and

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

WHEREAS, Hope has dedicated her time and energies to numerous scholastic and extracurricular efforts, including Key Club, Countrywide Appreciation Team, National Junior Beta Club, United Student Ministries, First Priority, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the All East Choir, and the Hawkins County Board of Education as Student Board Representative; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to positions of responsibility or recognition, Ms. Adkins is a TN/VA Scholar, Executive Board Secretary for the Student Government Association, and Vice President of the Mu Alpha Theta Club; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adkins actively works towards the betterment of her community, and she has volunteered with the Hawkins County Lunchbox Program, Special Olympics, and American Legion Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adkins's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Carson Newman College, where she plans to major in political science before attending law school; and

WHEREAS, Hope's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Jeffrey and Tonya Adkins, her school, and her community; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2014 Niswonger Foundation Scholarship recipient, Hope Marie Adkins, 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.