## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 998**

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ashley Laprese Caston, 2012 Valedictorian of Douglass 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, Ashley Laprese Caston is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class at Douglass High School; and

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

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Caston has earned an exemplary grade point average of 4.29; and

WHEREAS, Ashley has graciously dedicated her time and energies to numerous scholastic and extracurricular efforts, including serving as a member of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Ms. Caston has participated in Bridge Builders, Community Clean-Up, Green the Block, the Presidential Clean-Up at Booker T. Washington High School, and the Memphis Prep Program; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ashley Caston has been named to the Principal's List and the Distinguished Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Caston's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Mary Caston and Charlie Caston, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Caston'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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2012 Douglass High School Valedictorian, Ashley Laprese Caston, 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.