

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 805

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Esteban Andrés Pilo-Pais, 2012 Salutatorian of Ridgeway 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, Esteban Andrés Pilo-Pais is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class at Ridgeway High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Esteban 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. Pilo-Pais has earned an exemplary weighted grade point average of 5.1 and an unweighted grade point average of 3.8; and

WHEREAS, Esteban has graciously dedicated his time and energies to numerous scholastic and extracurricular efforts, including serving a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and the National Honor Society and as the Concert-Master of the high school orchestra; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Pilo-Pais serves his church faithfully as a member of a community service ministry called "Bellevue Loves Memphis" and he plays songs on his violin at a local retirement home, performs community service projects at Shelby Farms and Litcherman Nature Center, and played in the All-City Orchestra at ArtsFest 2012; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Esteban Pilo-Pais has received excellent scores for Solo and Ensemble during his high school career, won the highest grade point average for three consecutive years, and is a recipient of the Yale Book Award; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, Esteban enjoys stop-motion animation and live-action filmmaking and has published several of his films on YouTube. He also enjoys in-line skating, nature photography, and playing soccer and tennis with his father and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pilo-Pais's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a college student; he plans to study architecture outside of the United States; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Dino and Lorena Pilo-Pais, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Esteban Pilo-Pais'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 Ridgeway High School Salutatorian, Esteban Andrés Pilo-Pais, 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.