

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 816

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Martha Dawson
Nicholson, 2012 Valedictorian of Clarksville
Academy.

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, Martha Dawson Nicholson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class at Clarksville Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Nicholson 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, Martha has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including Varsity Dance Team, National Honor Society, Key Club, Latin Club, National Classical League, Student Government, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Show Choir, Concert Choir and editor of White Columns; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her singular achievements, Miss Nicholson has received various honors and prestigious awards, including the Academic Dance Team Award; Presidential Youth Service Award; HOBY Award; Biology Award; AP United States History Award; Top Female Scholar Award; Harold Buckspan Award for Medicine; 1st Place in Microbiology; and 2nd Place in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, she is a member of Leadership Clarksville and the Sing for Joy Youth Choir, founder of the "Well of Hope" organization which raised \$15,000 to build a well in Kenya, and a Bible school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Miss Nicholson's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she continues her education at Elon University to pursue her career goals of becoming a pediatric dentist and missionary in Northern Kenya; and

WHEREAS, Martha's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Clark and Susan Nicholson, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Martha'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 Clarksville Academy Valedictorian, Martha Dawson Nicholson, 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.