

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

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A RESOLUTION to designate January 27-February 2, 2013, as  
"School Choice Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, every student in Tennessee should have the right to the highest-quality schools possible; and

WHEREAS, citizens across Tennessee agree that improving the quality of education in Tennessee and expanding access to highly effective schools is an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all students in Tennessee to be successful adults in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has a multitude of high-quality public schools, magnet schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our state; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has many high-quality teaching professionals in public, private, and charter schools across the state who are committed to educating children; and

WHEREAS, the vital cause of education reform is one that transcends ideology and political party affiliation; and

WHEREAS, research in Tennessee and across our nation demonstrates conclusively that providing children with multiple schooling options improves academic performance; and

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is a nationally celebrated event, and during this week we join with millions of parents, educators, schools, and organizations around the country to

raise awareness of the need for effective educational options that challenge and motivate all our students to succeed; 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 designate January 27-February 2, 2013, as "School Choice Week" in Tennessee and urge all citizens of our great State to raise their awareness of the need for effective educational options for all students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.