

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Nicole Castile of Norman Smith Elementary School on winning the Milken Educator Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those outstanding teachers and administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Castile of Norman Smith Elementary School in Montgomery County is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Castile was recently honored with the Milken Educator Award, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards program provides public recognition and financial rewards to school teachers, principals, and other education professionals who are furthering excellence in education; by honoring outstanding educators, the program strives to attract, develop, motivate, and retain talented people to the challenge and adventure of teaching; and

WHEREAS, a third-grade teacher at Norman Smith Elementary, Nicole Castile is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Mrs. Castile completed her undergraduate degree at Austin Peay State University in 2005 and obtained her graduate degree from Trevecca Nazarene University in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Castile began her teaching career in 2005 with the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System as a fourth-grade teacher at Norman Smith Elementary School and moved to her current assignment as a third-grade teacher in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Castile serves as Norman Smith's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics leader, training her colleagues at the school and district level, and she often co-teaches with her peers to share and learn best practices; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, Mrs. Castile's exceptional teaching efforts last year resulted in all of her students scoring at or above grade level on the science portion of the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program examination; and

WHEREAS, a member of Norman Smith Elementary's leadership team, Nicole Castile is also chair of the school improvement team and a mentor for new and veteran teachers; and

WHEREAS, her professional accomplishments aside, Nicole Castile is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Jason Castile; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Castile epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Nicole Castile of Norman Smith Elementary School on winning the Milken Educator Award, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

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