

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 205

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kelly McCarter, the 2020–2021 Sevier County School District Middle Grades Teacher of the Year.

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

WHEREAS, Kelly McCarter is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a fifth-grade teacher at Seymour Intermediate School, Mrs. McCarter was recently named the 2020–2021 Sevier County School District Middle Grades Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor for her tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, this is not the first time she has received such an honor; in 2017, she was named Teacher of the Year at Pigeon Forge Primary School, and in 2018, she was named the Sevier County School District Primary Grades Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Kelly McCarter has taught fifth-grade English language arts, science, and social studies at Seymour Intermediate since 2019; prior to this position, she worked at Pigeon Forge Primary School for seven years beginning in 2012, serving in a variety of capacities, including as a math intervention specialist and a third- and fourth-grade teacher; and

WHEREAS, a leader at Seymour Intermediate School and in her community, she is a graduate of Leadership Development Academy for Aspiring Administrators and has served as a mentor teacher, an AdvancEd Accreditation Leadership Team member, a Publix Math

Night/Community Involvement Committee member, a Sunday School teacher at Seymour First Baptist Church, and a volunteer with Keep Sevier Beautiful's 50K Tree Day; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McCarter holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education (K-6), a Bachelor of Bible/Interdisciplinary Studies, and a Master of Arts in Holistic Education from Johnson Bible College; she earned her Educational Specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Kelly McCarter is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously throughout her career in education to motivate her students, fellow teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McCarter truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff at Seymour Intermediate School, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Kelly McCarter 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kelly McCarter on being chosen as the 2020–2021 Sevier County School District Middle Grades Teacher of the Year, 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.