

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 966

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Deborah Chancellor,  
upon being named a 2010-2011 Regional  
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, Deborah Chancellor is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chancellor has recently been named a 2010-2011 Regional Teacher of the Year for the PreK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Division, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Chancellor 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, following the patriotic tradition for which the Volunteer State is renowned, Deborah Chancellor rendered sterling service in the United States Army from 1974-1977 and garnered numerous honors, including a place on the Commandant's List at the Military Police School, the Korea Service Medal from the Republic of Korea, and a Letter of Merit in Korea Service from the Republic of Korea; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chancellor graduated summa cum laude with her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Austin Peay State University and graduated summa cum laude with her Master's degree in Education from National-Louis University; and

WHEREAS, while pursuing her undergraduate degree, Deborah Chancellor worked as a substitute teacher at Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools and Fort Campbell Dependent Schools and realized she was destined for a rewarding life in elementary education; and

WHEREAS, cultivating a reputation for being business-like and well organized as well as flexible and compassionate, Ms. Chancellor taught fourth graders from 1989-1991 at Patrick Henry Elementary School in Heidelberg, Germany, and served the North Thurston School District in Olympia, Washington, as a substitute teacher from 1992-1995; and

WHEREAS, believing deeply in her philosophy, "Every Child Can Learn," Deborah Chancellor has served with acumen and alacrity as a first grade teacher for fourteen exemplary years at Clarksville's Minglewood Elementary School, a Title I school where over half the students live below the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, an active and important member of her profession and community, Ms. Chancellor is a member of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and Association of American Educators/Professional Educators of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Chancellor expresses her devout Christian faith as an active member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Chancellor was named the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System 2009 Teacher of the Year for Grades PreK-4 and Minglewood Elementary School Teacher of the Year in 2002, 2003, 2006, and 2008 for Grades Pre-K-4 and earned a Certificate of Achievement Award for Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS) in Germany for the 1990-1991 school year; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Chancellor truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chancellor epitomizes the dedicated teacher 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Deborah Chancellor on being named a 2010-2011 Regional Teacher of the Year for the PreK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Division, 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.