

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1098

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Angelia Jennings on her selection as 2010 Hawkins County Teacher of the Year for grades 5-8.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

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

WHEREAS, Angelia Jennings has recently been selected 2010 Teacher of the Year for grades 5-8 by Hawkins County Schools, 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, prior to receiving this prestigious honor, Ms. Jennings was selected Teacher of the Year for Surgoinsville Middle School, where she has served with distinction as a seventh grade language arts teacher since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jennings holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting and a Master of Arts degree in teaching from East Tennessee State University, where she was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Kappa Delta Phi Honor Society in Education; and

WHEREAS, she developed a love for reading at an early age, and as she matured she became passionate about sharing her love for reading with others and followed her dream of becoming a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jennings also dearly loves children, and she has immersed herself in service to children not only through classroom instruction, but also through her work with her

church, Oak Grove Baptist Church in Mt. Carmel, and SonRise Emmaus Community in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, described by her principal as a "champion caliber teacher," Ms. Jennings is an innovative and inspiring leader in education, as evidenced by her service as Chair of the Language Arts Department, a member of the Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support Secondary Team, Accelerated Reader Program Coordinator, Chairperson of Component I of School Improvement Plan, Editor of *The Eagle Eye* newspaper staff, and Spelling Bee Coordinator for her school; and

WHEREAS, she is a valuable member of Professional Educators of Tennessee, Association of American Educators, Tennessee Reading Association, Gilbreath Council of the Tennessee Reading Association, and the International Reading Association; and

WHEREAS, a finalist for Goody's Good Deeds Grant in 2008, Ms. Jennings is highly qualified in mathematics, English/language arts, social studies, and reading; and

WHEREAS, Angelia Jennings has earned the respect and admiration of her community through her meritorious service and her dedication to her students while exuding a tireless enthusiasm and a willingness to try new and innovative methods in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, Angelia Jennings 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, Angelia Jennings epitomizes the ideal of 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 on this special occasion; 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 that we honor and congratulate Angelia Jennings of Surgoinsville Middle School on her selection as 2010 Hawkins County Teacher of the Year for grades 5-8, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

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