

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 155

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Karri Weathers upon being named a 2012 Reward School Ambassador by the Tennessee Department of Education.

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

WHEREAS, Karri Weathers of Leoma Elementary School in Lawrence County is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Weathers was recently named a 2012 Reward School Ambassador by the Tennessee Department of Education, 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, a new program established by the Tennessee Department of Education, the Reward Schools Ambassador Program chose only fifteen teachers from the top ten percent of schools in Tennessee for performance and progress to serve as ambassadors and share best practices and help improve student achievement across the state; and

WHEREAS, all Reward School Ambassadors selected earned an overall score of "5" on their teacher evaluation, the top score possible, and were nominated by their schools to be selected for this prestigious year-long, paid position through a competitive application and interview process; and

WHEREAS, those Reward Schools whose nominees were selected into the ambassador cohort will also receive a \$20,000 grant to further their educational programming, as the goal of the program is to provide leadership opportunities for highly effective teachers and resources to winning Reward Schools; and

WHEREAS, Karri Weathers 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, Ms. Weathers 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, Karri Weathers 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; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Karri Weathers on being chosen as a 2012 Reward School Ambassador by the Tennessee Department of Education, commend her exceptional service to the students of Leoma Elementary School, 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.