

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 816

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Janet Killian on her selection as the 2019-2020 Witt Elementary School 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, Janet Killian is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Janet Killian has been selected as the 2019-2020 Witt Elementary School Teacher of the Year, 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, a twenty-eight-year educator, Ms. Killian has been a member of the Witt faculty since 1990; as the school's librarian, she teaches all students from pre-kindergarten through grade five; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Janet Killian has served as a member of the Leadership and School Improvement committees, Beta Club sponsor, 4-H sponsor, and grade-level chair; she is an instructor for the afterschool Hands-On Science Club, the school's webmaster, and a mentor for practicum and student teachers; and

WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Tennessee and a master's degree in library-media from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Killian is 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, Janet Killian truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Janet Killian on being chosen as the 2019-2020 Witt Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the youth 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.