

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 877

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate David Jackson on his selection as the 2020 Hamilton County Schools Middle Grades 5-8 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, David Jackson is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson has been selected as the 2020 Hamilton County Schools Middle Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence that he has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Loyola University, David Jackson has taught seventh-grade math and science at Brown Middle School since 2015 and serves as the faculty sponsor of the Entrepreneur Academy; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; during the 2018-2019 school year, his students scored a Level 5 in math and science, and more than ninety percent of his students have met their expected annual growth for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, David Jackson successfully collaborated with his colleagues to secure a Volkswagen eLab for the school in 2018, which led to more than \$100,000 in renovations to the building; the Brown Middle eLab is certified by the Fab Foundation and allows students in the Entrepreneur Academy to create, market, and sell items created in the lab; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, David Jackson truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he 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 hereby honor and congratulate David Jackson on being chosen as the 2020 Hamilton County Schools Middle Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his 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.