

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 139

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Megan Mercereau Huskey on her selection as the 2013 Sevier County Primary Grades 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, Megan Mercereau Huskey is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Huskey was recently selected as the 2013 Sevier County Primary Grades 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, Megan Huskey earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Mars Hill College, a Master of Education degree in elementary education from East Tennessee State University, and an Educational Specialist degree in curriculum and instruction from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, she served estimably as a music teacher for grades K-4 at Pigeon Forge Primary School from 2006-2011, and she has served with acumen and alacrity as a music teacher for grades K-8 at Wearwood Elementary School since 2006, and at Catlettsburg Elementary School since 2011; and

WHEREAS, Megan Huskey 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, Mrs. Huskey has graciously donated her time to numerous scholastic efforts, including serving as former secretary and president of the local chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, former secretary of the MHC chapter of the Music Educators National Conference, and

member of the Tennessee Music Educator's National Conference, Tennessee Educators Association, Tennessee Reading Association, Clogging Leaders Organizational Conference, National Clogging Hall of Fame and Clogging Champions of America, and the Sevierville Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a presenter for the Mars Hill Alumni Association, as a participant in the Teacher Shadow experience, as Director of school programs, as Chair of the WARM Committee, as a member and Team Chair of the SACS Committee, as Coach for the Pigeon Forge High School Color Guard, as Chair of the Appalachian Day Cultural Festival, as founder of the Pigeon Forge Primary Talent Show, and as a participant with the Tennessee Arts Academy, the Young Author's Conference, and the ETMEA Workshop; and

WHEREAS, Megan Huskey has also served as an instructor for the EPIC Workshop and the Fontana Fall Fling Regional Dance Workshop, as a presenter at the North Carolina Hoedown Workshop, as founder and Director of Move Dance Factory Company, as coordinator of Move Dance Factory staff workshops, as Director of the Appalachian Dance-Tunes and Tales Program, and she has hosted teacher observations for professional development; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mrs. Huskey has also been named the 2013 Catlettsburg Elementary Teacher of the Year, the 2011 Sevier County Teacher of the Year, the 2011 Pigeon Forge Primary Teacher of the Year, the 2009 Lysol Hand Washing Song National Competition winner, the Disney Performing Arts Most Entertaining Dance Studio, and 2012 Director of the Year for the EPIC dance competition; and

WHEREAS, Megan Huskey has also been named to *Who's Who Among Teachers*; she is a three-time recipient of the Culture Alliance of Greater Knoxville Grant; her dance company has received multiple team awards, including thirty-eight first place wins in regional and national competitions; and her after-school dance class has won multiple team awards, including six first place wins at regional and national competitions; and

WHEREAS, her numerous accomplishments aside, Megan Huskey is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, John Paul Huskey, and her parents, Kevin and Beth Mercereau; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Huskey 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, Megan Huskey 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Megan Mercereau Huskey on being chosen as the 2013 Sevier County Primary Grades Teacher of the Year, 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.