HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 153

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Susan Martin, Jefferson County Teacher of the Year for grades five through eight.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders and outstanding educators of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Susan Martin, who was selected Jefferson County's Teacher of the Year for grades five through eight; and

WHEREAS, currently in her sixth year of teaching at Rush Strong School, Susan Martin teaches seventh- and eighth-grade science; and

WHEREAS, currently, Susan Martin serves as a mentor for a new teacher at Rush

Strong School and she is focused on strategies that will boost parent engagement at her school. Mrs. Martin is also instrumental in coordinating the eighth-grade class officers, superlatives, and graduation; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the school's appreciation of Susan Martin was underscored by her selection to receive the coveted "Irreplaceable Teacher" award; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with Jefferson County Schools, Mrs. Martin is active in her church, serves as co-treasurer for the Straw Plains Sports Program, and has participated in the building of two Habitat for Humanity homes in Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, Susan Martin epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Susan Martin for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its students; 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 commend Susan Martin upon her selection as Jefferson County's Teacher of the Year for grades five through eight 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.