

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 196

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Emily Jenkins upon winning the 2008 Exemplary Guidance Award.

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

WHEREAS, one such individual is Emily Jenkins, the guidance counselor at Westmoreland Elementary School, who recently won the 2008 Exemplary Guidance Award from the Tennessee State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, this award is presented annually to the guidance counselor, employed at any grade level, who best demonstrates leadership and the development of a comprehensive guidance program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jenkins strives to offer her students the same counsel she would give if they were her own children; and

WHEREAS, the Westmoreland administration says Emily Jenkins is a vital part of their academic and administrative team, emphasizing that she "works tirelessly to provide a meaningful, compassionate, and data-driven guidance program that supports economic, emotional, and social needs"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jenkins is the only Guidance Counselor in the State who has been recognized for a data-driven guidance program for five consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, to ensure a student-centered guidance program, Emily Jenkins surveys students, teachers, and staff at the end of each year about what changes they would like to see in the system; she pays special attention to students who are new to Westmoreland or who are experiencing trouble at home; and

WHEREAS, Emily Jenkins epitomizes the ideal of a devoted guidance counselor who is wholly committed to her students, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Emily Jenkins on being chosen by the Tennessee State Department of Education as the 2008 recipient of the Exemplary Guidance Award, 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.