

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 257

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mary John Wilson on her selection as the 2017 Jefferson County 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, Mary John Wilson is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilson was recently selected as the 2017 Jefferson County Grades 5-8 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 fifth-grade math teacher at Rush Strong School, Mary John Wilson has been teaching at her school for twenty-two years; she received her Bachelor of Science degree, her Master of Science degree, and her Specialist in Education at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilson has held multiple leadership positions, including serving as a mentor teacher and a cooperating teacher for student teachers and practicum students; active in her school, she launched and co-directed the Drama Club and initiated and planned a Veterans Day program, and she sponsors the cheerleading and track teams; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she is a three-time recipient of the Lowe's Outdoor Classroom grant; she has also received classroom grants from WBIR, CVS, and the Tennessee Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilson is truly 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, Mary John Wilson epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest values 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mary John Wilson on being chosen as the 2017 Jefferson County Grades 5-8 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.