

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 261

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Carolyn Metz, on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Bulls Gap School.

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, Carolyn Metz is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Metz has recently been selected Teacher of the Year by Bulls Gap School, 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, employed by Hawkins County Schools in 1972, Carolyn Metz has served with acumen and alacrity as a first grade teacher for thirty-nine exemplary years, having taught a split first and second grade class for two of those years; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Metz 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, during her tenure at Bulls Gap School, this remarkable woman has held membership with the Hawkins County Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the National Education Association; she was also a member of the Bulls Gap Boosters Club for many years, serving as the director of the hospitality room during several basketball tournaments; and

WHEREAS, seeking ways to aid her students, she helped organize two "Walk-A-Thons" to raise money for a school pavilion and playground in 2000 and also in 2009; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Carolyn Metz had been formally nominated for *Who's Who in American Education* by a former student; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Carolyn Metz organized collections for Haiti, the American Cancer Organization, and Diabetes Prevention, and she contributed her time and talents to several fundraisers to benefit St. Jude's Children Hospital; additionally, she is a member of Modern Woodmen of the World, a fraternal insurance organization that promotes different efforts to benefit communities through fundraisers for schools and fire departments; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Metz is a devoted and active member of Bulls Gap Baptist Church, where she serves as the director of the nursery, leads a small youth group in a song ministry, volunteered on phone committees to relay information for church members who are sick or bereaved, and teaches Vacation Bible School each summer; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Metz 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, Carolyn Metz truly 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Carolyn Metz on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Bulls Gap School, 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.