

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 394

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate John Creasy on his selection as the 2011 Sumner County 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, John Creasy is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Creasy was recently selected as the 2011 Sumner County Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the son of Shirley Creasy and the late John Creasy, John Creasy graduated from Westmoreland High School in 1981 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, he began his estimable teaching career in August 1986 as a teacher at Eastside Elementary School in Cannon County before serving as a teacher at Lakeview Elementary School in Mt. Juliet; and

WHEREAS, he has served with acumen and alacrity as a seventh grade social studies teacher at Westmoreland Middle School in Sumner County since its opening in 1988; and

WHEREAS, John Creasy is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Creasy has graciously donated his time and energies to numerous organizations; he has served as Chairman of Westmoreland Middle School's social studies department since 1994, as a member of the Westmoreland Public Library Board from 1988-96,

five years of which he served as Chairman, and as a member and former President of the Westmoreland Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, he also spearheaded efforts to restore Westmoreland's Little Tunnel, has frequently contributed articles of historical interest to local publications, and is currently researching and writing a book on the history of Westmoreland, which he expects to be published in 2014; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, John Creasy has been named the 2011 Westmoreland Middle School Teacher of the Year and the 2011 Upper Cumberland Field Service Region Teacher of the Year for grades five through eight; and

WHEREAS, as a result of being honored with these awards and the 2011 Sumner County Teacher of the Year award, Mr. Creasy will be competing against other field service region winners in the state's Middle Grand Division for selection as one of nine finalists for Tennessee Teacher of the Year 2011-12; and

WHEREAS, he is also listed in *Who's Who Among American Educators* and is a recipient of the Westmoreland Middle School Staffuly of the Month Award; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, John Creasy is deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most proud of the love and support he shares with his wife of twenty-two years, Tyla, who is also employed at Westmoreland Middle School, and their two children, Ren and John Heath; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Creasy truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, John Creasy epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he 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 John Creasy on being chosen as the 2011 Sumner County Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of

Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his 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.