

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 593

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Northeast Middle School upon winning the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association's Program Excellence Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those schools that excel in the promotion of high-need areas of education, particularly math, science, and technology; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Middle School is one such institution that recently won the Program Excellence Award issued by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA); and

WHEREAS, the ITEEA grants the award to quality programs of technology education that increase technological literacy among young students; and

WHEREAS, most deserving of this great honor, Northeast Middle School, through the Technology Education program is cultivating the next generation of leaders and preparing them for what is already a highly technical global economy and society; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Middle's Technology Education program benefits greatly from the acumen and alacrity of its teachers, Polly Kopp and Whitney Joyner, who also serve as the coaches of the Electric Eagles, and the guidance of Northeast Middle principal Tracy Hollinger; and

WHEREAS, with the excellent education students receive at Northeast, they will be able to make informed decisions regarding the digital community and pursue careers in the ever-growing industries of technology, engineering, and design; and

WHEREAS, the technology and engineering faculty of Northeast Middle School will be accepting their award at the ITEEA's annual Program Excellence Logistics conference in Long Beach, California, in March of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the superb Technology Education program has had a visible impact on Northeast students, as seen in their recent victory in the state First LEGO League (FLL) Championship; and

WHEREAS, held at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, the competition aims to inspire students in grades four through eight who are interested in technology and engineering, teaches them the fundamentals of robotics, design, programming and research, and invites them to compete in these areas with their own problem-solving research projects; this year's theme, "Food Factor," required students to investigate problems and develop solutions in the areas of food safety and contamination; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Middle School Electric Eagles Gold and Blue teams placed first and second in the all-around Core Values category, demonstrating excellence in all three areas – Robot, Project, and Core Values; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depends, in great measure, on the dedication of our students and educators and, thanks to the efforts of institutions like Northeast Middle School, Tennessee will continue to evolve with the global community for generations to come; 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 recognize Northeast Middle School upon winning the Program Excellence Award from the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association, congratulate its Electric Eagles Gold and Blue teams upon winning Core Values awards at the First LEGO League Championship, thank Polly Kopp, Whitney Joyner, and Principal Tracy Hollinger for their admirable guidance of our youth, and extend to the Northeast faculty and students our best wishes for every continued success in all their 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.