

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 647

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Melinda Moroz for her heroism.

WHEREAS, we are proud to honor those estimable educators who tirelessly devote themselves to the young people under their charge, often going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure student safety and well-being; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Melinda Moroz, a twenty-six-year veteran of the classroom who teaches first-grade reading at Eaton Elementary School and who, in a moment of peril, rose to the occasion and saved the life of one of her young students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moroz noticed that Colby Arwood seemed to be choking; he would later attest that he had a piece of candy caught in his throat and, despite his best efforts, was unable to dislodge it; and

WHEREAS, jumping to action, Melinda Moroz performed the Heimlich maneuver three successive times to no avail; then, on the fourth attempt, the piece of candy was successfully dislodged; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moroz executed the life-saving maneuver as if it were second nature; she attributes this to training she received from Priority Ambulance service, which provides first-aid classes to all Loudon County school employees annually; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moroz has proven herself a capable steward of this State's most valuable resource—our young people—and it is fitting that she be 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 honor and commend Melinda Moroz upon her act of heroism that

saved the life of a first-grade student, extending our sincere best wishes for much success and happiness in all 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.