

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 752

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sheila Evans on her selection as the 2014 Jefferson County Grades 9-12 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, Sheila Evans is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Evans was recently selected as the 2014 Jefferson County Grades 9-12 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 Service Learning teacher for grades 11 and 12 at Jefferson County High School, Ms. Evans has taught for thirty years in Jefferson County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Evans 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 she recognizes the differences between individual children in order to incorporate multiple teaching methods that ensure every child succeeds; and

WHEREAS, Sheila Evans has held multiple leadership positions, including roles such as backstage director for *Night of the Patriots*, speaker for area organizations about service learning, and author of an article highlighting student research of African American Cemeteries in Jefferson County in "*Everything Knoxville*", and has been honored with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year award and the Tennessee Health Care Association Service Learning Group of the Year for Jefferson County High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Evans 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, Sheila Evans 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sheila Evans on being chosen as the 2014 Jefferson County Grades 9-12 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.