

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 766

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Chip Watkins on his selection as the 2018 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, Chip Watkins is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins was recently selected as the 2018 Jefferson County Grades 9-12 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, currently a science teacher at Jefferson Academy, Chip Watkins has taught for twenty-two years and is a graduate of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his community, Mr. Watkins coaches wrestling and Little League baseball, is a song leader and Sunday School teacher at his church, and is an assistant sponsor for the fly-fishing club at Jefferson Middle School; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband and father, Chip Watkins enjoys the love and support of his wife, Annie, and their two sons, Roger and Reece; and

WHEREAS, he is truly 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, Chip Watkins epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest values 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Chip Watkins on being chosen as the 2018 Jefferson County Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the youth 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.