

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 942

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Justin Bush, the
2023–2024 Blount County Schools Middle
School 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, Justin Bush is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a teacher at Heritage Middle School, Mr. Bush was recently named the 2023–2024 Blount County Schools Middle School Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor for his tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence he has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush graduated from William Blount High School and received his Teacher Licensure from Maryville College; he has been teaching since 2016, with six of those years in Blount County, and five of those years at Heritage Middle School; and

WHEREAS, he cites his inspiration for teaching as his grandfather, Joe Bush, who taught eighth-grade United States History for nearly forty years at Alcoa; following his retirement, Justin Bush displayed his grandfather's nameplate in his classroom at Heritage Middle School where he teaches the same subject; and

WHEREAS, Justin Bush is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously throughout his career in education to motivate his students, fellow teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff at Heritage Middle School, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Justin Bush epitomizes the dedicated educator 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Justin Bush on being chosen as the 2023–2024 Blount County Schools Middle School 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.