

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 945

By Richey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jed West on being named the 2023–2024 Blount County Schools Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education and learning environments for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jed West is one such estimable individual, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the principal at his alma mater, Heritage High School, Mr. West was recently named the 2023–2024 Blount County Schools Principal of the Year, a most befitting honor for his tenure as principal, as it recognizes the positive influence he has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Jed West is a 2002 graduate of Heritage High School, and he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History with a minor in Geography from Maryville College; additionally, he received his Master of Science and Educational Specialist degrees in Education Leadership and Supervision from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Jed West is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who has worked assiduously throughout his seventeen-year career in education to motivate his students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Mr. West is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his high school sweetheart and wife, Kacie, with whom he shares three beloved children; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. West epitomizes the dedicated principal 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 honor and congratulate Jed West upon being named the 2023–2024 Blount County Schools Principal of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the students 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.