

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 970

By Faison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tara Phillips, the
2023–2024 Hamblen 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, Tara Phillips is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips has been selected as the 2023–2024 Hamblen County Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips is from Oneida, and she attended the University of Tennessee for her degree; she is currently in her eleventh year as an algebra teacher at Morristown West High School; and

WHEREAS, her passion for teaching grew from her time spent tutoring a friend who was struggling in high school and finally helping the friend understand the material; and

WHEREAS, Tara Phillips 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

WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips 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, Tara Phillips truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Tara Phillips on being chosen as the 2023–2024 Hamblen 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.