

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1056

By Love

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dawana Watts Boone on her selection as 2017-2018 Glenn Enhanced Option 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, Dawana Watts Boone is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boone has been selected as 2017-2018 Glenn Enhanced Option School 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, Dawana Boone received her bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Tennessee State University in 1983 and her master's degree from that same institution the following year; and

WHEREAS, a veteran physical education teacher, Dawana Boone has served with Metro Nashville Public Schools for twenty-two years and as the director of Project Neighborhood Aftercare for ten years at the former Kirkpatrick Enhanced Option School; she is also a former Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association basketball and volleyball official; and

WHEREAS, she currently teaches at Glenn Enhanced Option School and serves as the director of Project Neighborhood Aftercare for KIPP/Kirkpatrick; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boone 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, students learn best and are most engaged when their instructors are genuinely passionate about the material they teach and facilitate; Dawana Boone parlays her passion for movement into dance choreography for school performances, giving students an opportunity to enhance their overall rhythm and physical expression and gain confidence in themselves; and

WHEREAS, she also has a passion for music and theatre; in addition to serving as director of school plays at Glenn Enhanced Option School, she has been affiliated with the Disney Musicals In Schools program for its seven years of existence; and

WHEREAS, a woman of faith, Dawana Boone is a longtime member of Saint James Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many successes, Ms. Boone has enjoyed the love and support of her son, Theophilus Boone III; her mother, Ora Jean Watts; and her sister, Kimberly Watts; and

WHEREAS, Dawana Boone is 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, Ms. Boone truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dawana Watts Boone on being chosen as 2017-2018 Glenn Enhanced Option School 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.