

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1092

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Amber Davidson on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Keplar Elementary School.

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, Amber Davidson is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davidson was recently selected Teacher of the Year by Keplar Elementary School, 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, Ms. Davidson received her bachelor's degree from East Tennessee State University in 2004, graduating summa cum laude; and

WHEREAS, employed by Hawkins County Schools in 2005, Amber Davidson has served with acumen and alacrity as a second grade teacher for two exemplary years, having previously taught third grade; and

WHEREAS, Amber Davidson 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, deeply involved in the Reading First grant program, she has attended the Summer Reading Academies in Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Gatlinburg, completed two online courses through the grant, and earned ninety hours of professional development each summer through the program; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at Keplar Elementary, the school was recognized as the Number One Reading First School in Tennessee, as well as a 2010 Title 1 Distinguished School in Closing the Achievement Gap; and

WHEREAS, seeking ways to aid her students, Amber Davidson has written and been awarded several grants, including the Putting Children First Grant from Eastman Chemical, which was used to assist the implementation of the Touchmath program in her classroom; a Coordinated School Health mini-grant, which was used to purchase team sports equipment for Keplar Elementary; and a ticket subsidy grant from the Rose Center, which allowed second and third grade students to attend a play; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional in the field of education, Ms. Davidson was a member of the Teacher Educator Honor's Program at ETSU and is a member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the Hawkins County Education Association; she also serves on the School Improvement Plan Leadership team and chairs Component 1a; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Amber Davidson is a faithful member of First United Methodist in Church Hill, where she serves on the outreach committee, works on mission projects, and volunteers in the toddler nursery; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davidson truly 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, Amber Davidson truly epitomizes the ideal of 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Amber Davidson on being chosen as the Teacher of the Year at Keplar Elementary School, 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.