

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1181

By Grills

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Blair McDowell on her selection as Fifth Consolidated Elementary 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, Blair McDowell is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McDowell has been selected as Fifth Consolidated Elementary School Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, after she graduated from the University of Tennessee with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, Blair McDowell was almost immediately hired by the Dyer County School System; and

WHEREAS, since that fateful day some seventeen years ago, Mrs. McDowell has taught fifth-grade students in Dyer County; and

WHEREAS, active at her school beyond the classroom, she helps coach the Running Club at Fifth Consolidated and is a teacher-leader for the Student Emerging Leader Team; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McDowell is indeed fortunate to share love and companionship with her husband, Mason, and their daughters, Joey and Morgan, both of whom attend Fifth Consolidated; and

WHEREAS, she and her family attend FBC Dyersburg, where Mrs. McDowell teaches a class for young girls on Wednesday nights; and

WHEREAS, both Mrs. and Mr. McDowell give back to their community by coaching YMCA youth soccer teams and volunteering through their church to assist with a variety of events; and

WHEREAS, Blair McDowell is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who goes beyond the curriculum to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McDowell 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, Blair McDowell 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Blair McDowell on being chosen as Fifth Consolidated Elementary 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.