

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1212

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Amanda Pennington on her selection as 2009-2010 Lewis County Intermediate 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, Amanda Pennington, a teacher at Lewis County Intermediate School is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pennington was recently selected by her peers as the 2009-2010 Lewis County Intermediate 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, a 1998 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, Mrs. Pennington earned her Bachelor's degree before going on to earn her Master's and Master's +30 degrees from Walden University; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Pennington 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, Mrs. Pennington has served since 1998 with acumen and alacrity as a third-grade teacher in the Lewis County School System; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary teaching career, Amanda Pennington has held numerous leadership roles, including serving as the lead teacher of the third grade; a member of the Professional Development Committee; a Component Chairperson for the Tennessee School Improvement Plan (TSIP), in which capacity she works with colleagues, parents, and

community leaders to develop the action plan for school improvement; and the co-chairperson of the Intermediate School's TSIP and SACS Committees, in which capacity she works alongside the chairperson to oversee the work done by all of the committees; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her vision as an educator, Mrs. Pennington tirelessly strives to enrich her students with a love of learning and with the confidence they need to become successful learners; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Pennington 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, she is a faithful and active member of the Little Swan Church of Christ, which she has served through her involvement in various capacities; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Pennington is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Chuck Pennington; her daughters, Ashley and Addison; her parents, Timmie and Barbara Hinson; and her brother, T.J. Hinson, who is also an educator; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Pennington 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 Amanda Pennington on being selected 2009-2010 Lewis County Intermediate 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.