

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1214

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lillie Mitchell on her selection as the 2009-2010 Lewis County Middle School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell has recently been selected as the 2009-2010 Lewis County Middle 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, Lillie Mitchell holds an Associate of Science degree from Columbia State Community College and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, a Master of Education degree, and certification in Career-Technical Business Education from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, beginning her illustrious career in education thirty-five years ago, Ms. Mitchell taught at Columbia State Community College, Tennessee Technology Center at Hohenwald, and Lewis County High School and is currently teaching seventh and eighth grade keyboarding at Lewis County Middle School; and

WHEREAS, an innovative and inspiring leader in education, Lillie Mitchell has rendered sterling service as a founding Board of Trustees member of the Lewis County Education Foundation, faculty mentor for beginning teachers, advisory committee member of the Business Technology Program at Tennessee Technology Center at Hohenwald, and as a member of the steering committee for Southern Associations of Colleges and Schools's accreditation process.

Ms. Mitchell has also participated in the Career-Technical Conference at Middle Tennessee State University, the Xi State Convention, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, “Alcohol and Drugs: Working with Adolescents in Schools” free community workshops, and the Differentiated Instruction and Learning Workshop; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell has immersed herself in service to her students not only through classroom instruction, but also by serving as the student advisor for Business Professionals of America at Lewis County High School, the sponsor of Business Professionals of America members in business contests at Columbia State Community College and Freed-Hardeman University’s High School Business Convention Day, and as the sponsor of the “Books from Birth” project for Lewis County students; and

WHEREAS, she is a valuable member of the National Education Association; the Tennessee Education Association; the Lewis County Education Association; Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Alpha Rho Chapter; and the National and Tennessee Business Education Associations; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Lillie Mitchell was twice named the Teacher of the Year for Lewis County High School and received the Wal-Mart Teacher Reward; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell was an active and devout member of the Allison Avenue Church of Christ for forty-three years and currently holds membership at the Kimmins Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Lillie Mitchell has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens through volunteer work with the Ladies in Pink Society of Wayne County’s Breast Cancer Awareness Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Lillie Mitchell has earned the respect and admiration of her community through her meritorious service and her dedication to her students while exuding a tireless enthusiasm and a willingness to try new and innovative methods in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, Ms. Mitchell 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, Lillie Mitchell 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 recognized on this special occasion; 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 honor and congratulate Lillie Mitchell on her selection as the 2009-2010 Lewis County Middle School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.