

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1273

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lacey Williams on her selection as the 2021-2022 Smith County School System Grades 5-8 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, Lacey Williams is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams has been selected as the 2021-2022 Smith County School System Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a sixth-grade math teacher at Gordonsville Elementary School, Lacey Williams received a Bachelor of Science degree in middle school education in grades 6-8 from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, she earned her master's degree in middle school math education in grades 5-8 from Walden University in 2010; and

WHEREAS, currently in her fifteenth year of teaching, Lacey Williams began her teaching career in Wilson County Schools in 2006 and transitioned to the Smith County School System in the 2007-2008 school year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams estimably serves as a 2021-2022 EOP member and is an Honor Club co-sponsor; in 2019, she served on the TSIN Rural STEM Cohort; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Lacey Williams enjoys the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Russ, and their two children, Harper and Hadley; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate educator, Ms. Williams works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Lacey Williams 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, Ms. Williams 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 hereby honor and congratulate Lacey Williams on being chosen as the 2021-2022 Smith County School System Grades 5-8 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.