

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1371

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jolinda Gurien on her selection as the Black Oak Elementary School 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, Jolinda Gurien is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gurien has been selected as the Black Oak Elementary School 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, an educator for twenty-five years at Black Oak Elementary School, Ms. Gurien has taught kindergarten, first grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade and currently teaches sixth-grade English Language Arts; and

WHEREAS, she received her Associate of Science degree from Dyersburg State Community College and her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, during her teaching career, Ms. Gurien has also participated in Ocean Science for Inland Teachers, published the school yearbook, and coached the junior high and the high school cheerleaders; and

WHEREAS, Jolinda Gurien 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, Ms. Gurien 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, Jolinda Gurien 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 Jolinda Gurien on being chosen as the Black Oak Elementary School 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.