

HOUSE RESOLUTION 226

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Carter Middle School upon its receiving the TAP School of Promise Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those schools that, through the extraordinary commitment to excellence displayed by their faculty and staff, have distinguished themselves at the national level, bringing credit to this great State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy school is Carter Middle School in Knox County, led by Principal Michael Derrick, which recently received the TAP School of Promise Award and a \$5,000 prize from the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET); and

WHEREAS, this distinct honor recognizes schools that demonstrate strong efforts during the early stages of implementing TAP: The System for Teacher and Student Advancement, an education reform program that offers teachers opportunities for career advancement, ongoing professional training, educator evaluation, and performance-based compensation; and

WHEREAS, officials presented the award before more than 1,000 educators and policy leaders at the 12th National TAP Conference, "Building a System of Teacher Leaders" in Los Angeles, March 10, 2012; and

WHEREAS, TAP implementation began at Carter Middle School in the 2011-2012 school year, after the NIET received a federal Teacher Incentive Fund grant to expand the program within Knox County, which now has eighteen schools involved in the system; and

WHEREAS, the implementation required the selection of master and mentor teachers to form the TAP Leadership Team, which would collaborate in cluster and leadership team meetings and encourage teachers to incorporate new learning strategies in their classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Carter Middle School TAP Leadership Team have cultivated a positive learning environment that promotes continuous improvement and in which both students and teachers can ultimately thrive; and

WHEREAS, the administration and faculty of Carter Middle School, with these tremendous strides in education reform, bring great pride to the State of Tennessee, and they should be rightfully honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Carter Middle School upon its receiving the TAP School of Promise Award, thank the administration and faculty for their unwavering commitment to education, and extend to them our best wishes in 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.