

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Principal Linda Buggs and the educators at Grand Junction Elementary School for their courage and resourcefulness.

WHEREAS, over much of its history, Tennessee has been known as the Volunteer State because it has been the home of so many valiant citizens who have responded with great courage and strength of character in times of trouble and adversity; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2016, Principal Linda Buggs and the educators at Grand Junction Elementary School proved themselves to be Tennesseans of the highest order, when they acted with bravery and aplomb to save the life of a child; and

WHEREAS, on that fateful day, a frantic mother rushed into Grand Junction Elementary School with her unconscious two-month-old baby, who had stopped breathing as a result of a severe cold; and

WHEREAS, Carisa Young had fled to the school in desperate search of medical assistance for her son, Jaiden, recalling that Grand Junction Elementary School has a school nurse on staff; she knew that time was of the essence, and the nearest hospital or ambulance service was located more than twenty minutes away; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the school nurse, Sherry Hoyle, was not on site on the Tuesday morning in question; however, the school's crisis team, which had been trained by Ms. Hoyle, acted quickly and deftly in a concerted effort to save young Jaiden's life; and

WHEREAS, after Ms. Young and Jaiden arrived, a school-wide announcement was made, and team members sprinted to join those already in the main office; the team used an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) device to start Jaiden's heart; it worked, but then he

stopped breathing again. They tried the AED a second time and were, thankfully, successful;
and

WHEREAS, Jaiden recovered at LeBonheur Children's Hospital; he is alive and well, thanks in large part to those educators at Grand Junction Elementary School who answered the call in a time of crisis; and

WHEREAS, the individuals who acted to save young Jaiden's life are more than educators—they are among the everyday heroes who are invaluable to our communities, offering a lifeline to students and community members alike; their preparedness, willingness, and skillful response under pressure are an inspiration to us all, and it is fitting that they be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Principal Linda Buggs and the educators at Grand Junction Elementary School for their outstanding demonstration of courage, resourcefulness, and presence of mind, as we join with all the citizens of Tennessee in expressing our admiration and appreciation.

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