

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 29

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Sumner County Board of Education upon being named the Tennessee School Boards Association's 2020 School Board of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those exemplary institutions that serve to improve their communities and bring honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner County Board of Education was recently named the 2020 School Board of the Year by the Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA), an honor that recognizes the board's many contributions toward the pursuit of educational excellence in Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, the award is given annually by the TSBA to a school board that has met all standards of a TSBA Board of Distinction; developed, applied, and monitored policy; undertaken long-range planning; promoted quality education through the use of traditional and social media and involvement with the Tennessee General Assembly, its city or county commission, the State Board of Education, its community, and its staff; and engaged in board development activities, including boardmanship award levels for each member; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner County Board has worked with the Sumner County Commission to fund an annual \$4,000 salary increase for all certificated staff, the construction of a \$118 million high school and elementary school campus, and a \$73 million district-wide building and renovation program for additions and renovations at twenty-seven schools, thereby eliminating seventy portables; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sumner County Board of Education collaborated with staff and local health experts to develop and implement a district reentry plan for the 2020-2021 school year that provided a tiered approach to returning to school as well as

an all-virtual option for students, thus allowing the county to be one of the first school districts in the State to reopen schools; and

WHEREAS, the district boasts six STEM-designated schools, with ten more schools undergoing the certification process, and two schools have been designated Blue Ribbon Schools since 2015; and

WHEREAS, Sumner County students have achieved a district ACT composite score of 21.4, and the Class of 2019 earned more than \$75 million in scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the members of the award-winning Sumner County Board of Education are Chairman Tim Brewer, Tammy Hayes, Alice Bachman, Sarah Andrews, Jeff Duncan, Betsy Hawkins, Andy Daniels, Ted Wise, Patricia H. Brown, Glen Gregory, and David Wilkerson; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize the Sumner County Board of Education upon its receipt of this acclaimed award; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Sumner County Board of Education upon being named the Tennessee School Boards Association's 2020 School Board of the Year and applaud the board members' dedication to serving the educational needs of the young people of Sumner County and this State.

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.