

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 93

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kristie Spoone on her selection as the 2020–2021 Meadowview Middle School 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, Morristown native Kristie Spoone is one such estimable educator who sets the foundation for success by forming strong relationships with her students and their families and provides a strong learning community where students develop into leaders who are empowered to teach and learn alongside their peers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Spoone has been selected as the 2020–2021 Meadowview Middle School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Kristie Spoone holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Tusculum College and a Master of Science degree in Education from East Tennessee State University; she also earned a pharmacy technician degree from Walters State Community College; and

WHEREAS, a twelve-year educator with two years in her present position, Ms. Spoone teaches sixth-grade English language arts at Meadowview Middle School; she cultivates a culture of respect and understanding, providing meaningful discussions, an example of social ownership, and a place of belonging, and in this space, she models the thinking process to build students' confidence in their approach to critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the educational well-being of her students, she joined Capturing Kids' Hearts in 2018, a program designed to create avenues for achieving higher academic success by fostering strong relationships between students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Kristie Spoone is a member of the Teacher Advisory Council and Safety Patrol and a Beta Club sponsor; in addition to her work in education, she maintains certification as a pharmacy technician and a CPR/First Responder; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Spoone has two adult daughters, Kayla and Breanna, and one granddaughter, Amelia Grace; she enjoys reading, going on cruises, and visiting with her beautiful grandbaby; and

WHEREAS, she is 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, Kristie Spoone truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; 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 hereby honor and congratulate Kristie Spoone on being chosen as the 2020–2021 Meadowview Middle School 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.