

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 303

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Regina Davenport,
Kingsport City Schools Grades 9-12 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, Regina Davenport is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davenport has been selected as the 2022–2023 Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year for Kingsport City Schools, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a health science teacher at Dobyons-Bennett High School, Regina Davenport 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, before entering the education field, Ms. Davenport worked as a registered nurse in medical/surgical units, pain management, and psychiatric nursing throughout the Tri-Cities area; and

WHEREAS, using the wealth of knowledge gained through her extensive career in health care, Ms. Davenport began her tenure in education in 2000 in Sullivan County as a health science instructor through career technical education before moving to Kingsport City Schools at Dobyons-Bennett in 2014; and

WHEREAS, since then, she has taught various courses, including Health Science Education, Medical Therapeutics, Rehabilitative Careers, Pharmacological Science, and

Pharmacy Tech Clinical Internship. She also serves as an adjunct faculty instructor at East Tennessee State University (ETSU), where she teaches Introduction to Health Professions; and

WHEREAS, Regina Davenport received her associate degree in nursing from ETSU, a bachelor's degree in nursing from King University, and a master's degree in education from Union College; and

WHEREAS, Regina Davenport 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, Ms. Davenport 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Regina Davenport on being chosen as the 2022–2023 Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year for Kingsport City Schools, 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.