

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 435

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Grassy Fork Elementary School upon being named a National ESEA Distinguished School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, and students, have earned national accolades; and

WHEREAS, Grassy Fork Elementary School in Cocke County is one such exemplary institution, which was recently recognized by the United States Department of Education as a National ESEA Distinguished School; and

WHEREAS, the National ESEA Distinguished School program honors only those public schools that demonstrate outstanding academic achievement by their students and highlights the efforts of those schools that make significant improvements in one of three categories: exceptional student performance for two consecutive years, closing the achievement gap between student groups, or excellence in serving special populations of students; and

WHEREAS, Grassy Fork Elementary was one of just two schools in Tennessee and among only 100 in the nation to receive this illustrious award, which places it among the top schools in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Principal Dr. Judy Webb and the administration, faculty, and staff of Grassy Fork Elementary School have built an environment at their school that ensures students have the very best atmosphere for learning; and

WHEREAS, their school's selection as a National ESEA Distinguished School is a tremendous source of pride for the administration, teachers, students, and parents of the Grassy Fork Elementary School community; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Grassy Fork Elementary is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Grassy Fork Elementary School on its being named a National ESEA Distinguished School by the U.S. Department of Education, salute the school's administration, faculty, staff, and students on this prestigious award, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

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