

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 572

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Stacey Waddell on her selection as the 2017-2018 Whitesburg Elementary 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, Stacey Waddell is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Stacey Waddell has been selected as the 2017-2018 Whitesburg Elementary 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, a teacher for five years, Mrs. Waddell has taught K-5 library and computer technology for four years; she received her Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State University and her Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she 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, a leader in her field, Mrs. Waddell serves on the school improvement committee, the Title I committee, and the crisis management team; and

WHEREAS, Stacey Waddell's encouragement of her students to be independent searchers of enjoyable books is evident in the increase in library circulation; there has been a twenty-three percent increase in library book circulations per student in the last three years, with an additional four percent increase projected for this school year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Waddell 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, Stacey Waddell 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Stacey Waddell on being chosen as the 2017-2018 Whitesburg Elementary 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.