

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 588

By Southerland

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

WHEREAS, Ashley Burnside has been selected as the 2017-2018 West 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 six years, Ms. Burnside is an English language learner teacher at West Elementary School; she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry, her Master of Arts degree in Elementary Education, and her English as a Second Language certification from East Tennessee State University; 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, Ms. Burnside collaborates with her fellow teachers to discuss students' progress, and she and her team have increased parental involvement through monthly Parent Days, at which parents of all language backgrounds are invited into the classroom and given strategies that can be used at home; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burnside 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, Ashley Burnside 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 Ashley Burnside on being chosen as the 2017-2018 West 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.