

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 598

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ron Becker upon being named the 2018 Sumner County Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education and learning environments for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ron Becker is one such estimable individual, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the principal of Gallatin High School (GHS), Mr. Becker was recently named the 2018 Sumner County Principal of the Year, a most befitting honor for his tenure as a principal, as it recognizes the positive influence he has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, previously an assistant principal at Madison Creek Elementary, Ron Becker has been principal at Gallatin High School for ten years, having served as a math teacher and as an assistant principal there prior to being named to his present position; and

WHEREAS, Principal Becker is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who has worked assiduously throughout his career in education to motivate his students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Becker's leadership, Gallatin High School was the first area high school to offer ACT preparation courses, and the school was recognized by the Tennessee Department of Education for three consecutive years of improved ACT scores; GHS was also the first high school in the district to pilot the implementation of Response to Intervention and Instruction; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as principal, Gallatin High School has increased its dual enrollment offerings and implemented a freshman academy approach to assist incoming freshmen transitioning from middle school to high school; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Becker also played a key role in the development and implementation of the United States Navy Junior ROTC program; and

WHEREAS, because of Mr. Becker's vision of success, Gallatin High School was recognized as a 2016-2017 Tennessee Reward School, placing in the top five percent of all Tennessee schools for student academic growth; GHS is the first and only high school in Sumner County to achieve this honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Becker truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff at Gallatin High School, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Ron Becker epitomizes the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he 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 Ron Becker upon being named the 2018 Sumner County Principal of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the students and schools of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his 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.