

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 623

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Robin Roark on her selection as the Teacher of the Year at Lincoln Elementary School.

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, Robin Roark is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Roark was recently selected as the Teacher of the Year for Lincoln Elementary School in the Hamblen County School District, 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, she earned her associate's degree from Walters State Community College, obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Carson-Newman College, and holds an Educational Specialist degree in educational administration and supervision from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Roark 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, employed by Lincoln Elementary for the past twenty years, Robin Roark is currently serving with acumen and alacrity as a fifth grade teacher; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary tenure, Ms. Roark has rendered sterling service as a grade level team leader, Instructional Leadership Team member, Thoughtful Classroom peer

trainer, supervising teacher for student and practicum teachers, new teacher mentor, and ThinkLink training presenter; and

WHEREAS, always committed to sharpening her skills and developing new teaching methods, Ms. Roark has participated in Rigor Training, Elementary Math Workshop, Writing Assessment Training, Classroom Management Training, Elementary Math Boot Camp, Technology Academy, Hands-On Math, and Closing the Gap; and

WHEREAS, strongly devoted to community and public service, Robin Roark has been actively involved as sponsor of the Junior Beta Club, which has raised money and collected supplies for the Morristown-Hamblen Humane Society and the Daily Bread Community Kitchen; and

WHEREAS, she is a Highly Qualified Teacher with Career Level I status, and her class is a four-time winner of the Hamblen County Director's Writing Contest; and

WHEREAS, she is also an active member of Grace Baptist Church, where she sings in the Adult Choir and has been involved in Vacation Bible School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Roark truly 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, Robin Roark truly epitomizes the ideal of 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Robin Roark on being chosen the Teacher of the Year at Lincoln Elementary School, 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.