

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 656

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Merry Anderson on her selection as the 2014 Knox County Middle 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, Merry Anderson is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson was recently selected as the 2014 Knox County Middle 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, with nineteen years of experience, Ms. Anderson teaches reading at Karns Middle School where she is a Lead Teacher serving on the Leadership Team, Mentoring Team, and Data Team; and

WHEREAS, Merry Anderson also serves as a Common Core Coach for English Language Arts, a PLC facilitator, a mentor for teaching interns, a presenter at conferences, and is involved in in-service training and professional development sessions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson makes excellent use of graphic organizers, differentiated learning, cooperative groups, individualized instruction, close reading, scaffolded instruction, and accountable talk to ensure the success of her students; and

WHEREAS, Merry Anderson's outstanding dedication to her students was also recognized when she received an APEX award this year; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Merry Anderson serves Karns Middle School's PTSA and worldwide education efforts, including the Children's International Summer Village; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson 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, Merry Anderson epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest values 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Merry Anderson on being chosen as the 2014 Knox County Middle 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.