

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 657

By Massey

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Risdahl was recently selected as the 2014 Knox County 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, for the entirety of her nine-year teaching career, Ms. Risdahl has worked at Brickey-McCloud Elementary School where she is the fourth grade Advisory Team chairperson and leads the social studies vertical planning team; and

WHEREAS, Kristin Risdahl also serves as the Knox County Schools Professional Development Specialist in social studies and is currently working on new social studies curriculum for the Common Core State Standards; and

WHEREAS, Kristin Risdahl donates her time to mentoring other fourth grade teachers and an intern from the University of Tennessee, planning the school talent show, assisting the school chorus, and serving the AAA Safety Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Risdahl engages her students through a cooperative-learning teaching style to ensure that her students can achieve their potential in a safe and respectful environment; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Risdahl 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, Kristin Risdahl 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 Kristin Risdahl on being chosen as the 2014 Knox County 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.