

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1353

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lanita Copas on her selection as the 2023–2024 Westmoreland High School Teacher of the Year and the Sumner County High 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, Lanita Copas is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Copas has been selected as the 2023–2024 Westmoreland High School Teacher of the Year and the Sumner County High School Teacher of the Year, honors most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as they recognize the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, an educator for thirteen years, Lanita Copas currently serves with acumen and alacrity as a special education teacher, in which position she works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, she 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, Lanita Copas 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lanita Copas on

being chosen as the 2023–2024 Westmoreland High School Teacher of the Year and the Sumner County High 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.