

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1442

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lora Williams on her selection as the 2021–2022 Knox County Middle School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we 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, Lora Williams is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams has been selected as the 2021–2022 Knox County Middle School Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a special education teacher at Carter Middle School, Mrs. Williams has served with acumen and alacrity as a Knox County educator for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Whitesburg, Mrs. Williams graduated from East High School in 1997; she received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a specialist degree in education from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams 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, Lora Williams 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, her many professional accomplishments aside, Lora Williams is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Alex Williams, and their daughter, Ella; and

WHEREAS, Lora Williams truly epitomizes 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lora Williams on being chosen as the 2021–2022 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.