

SENATE RESOLUTION 38

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Christie Pennington on her selection as a 2022–2023 Chester County Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body 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, Christie Pennington is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pennington has been selected as a 2022–2023 Chester County Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pennington earned her bachelor's degree in business with a concentration in paralegal studies from the University of Memphis and her Master of Education degree in Instruction and Curriculum from Freed-Hardeman University; and

WHEREAS, she has taught for eleven years, and serves as the math instructional coach, in addition to revising and creating curriculum for sixth to eighth grade math; and

WHEREAS, outside of her career in education, Ms. Pennington founded and maintains the Henderson Community Soup Kitchen to help support those experiencing food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her devotion to both education and community service, her math class received fourth in the State on the 2021-2022 TCAP scores, and Ms. Pennington received the 2017 Jefferson Award for her efforts with the Henderson Community Soup Kitchen; and

WHEREAS, Christie Pennington is an extremely talented and compassionate teacher who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pennington 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, Christie Pennington truly epitomizes the dedicated educator 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Christie Pennington on being chosen as a 2022–2023 Chester County 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.