

SENATE RESOLUTION 71

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mary-Aliene Flaniken on her selection as the 2022–2023 Buckley-Carpenter Elementary School 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, Mary-Aliene Flaniken is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Flaniken has been selected as the 2022–2023 Buckley-Carpenter Elementary School Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Flaniken earned her Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin and has taught as a music teacher in Fayette County Public Schools for over four decades; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, she is most grateful for the love of her husband of forty-two years, her two daughters, and her four grandchildren, and she enjoys baking and sewing when not teaching music; and

WHEREAS, Mary-Aliene Flaniken 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, Mrs. Flaniken 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, Mary-Aliene Flaniken 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mary-Aliene Flaniken on being chosen as the 2022–2023 Buckley-Carpenter 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.