## **SENATE RESOLUTION 179**

## By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Leah Andres on her selection as a 2021–2022 Fayette County Public Schools 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, Leah Andres is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Andres has been selected as a 2021–2022 Fayette County Public Schools Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a veteran teacher with twenty-eight years of experience, Leah Andres currently serves as an English instructor for grades 9-12 at Jefferson Innovative Learning Center, where she has taught for five years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Andres holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Mississippi; her favorite part of teaching is witnessing her students' "lightbulb" moments of understanding a previously foreign concept; and

WHEREAS, Leah Andres grew up in Somerville and has been married to her husband, Craig, for thirty-nine years; she has two children, Paul and Ashley; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Andres 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, Leah Andres 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, Ms. Andres 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, that we hereby honor and congratulate Leah Andres on being chosen as a 2021–2022 Fayette County Public Schools 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.

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