



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 268

By Representative Harrison

and

Senator Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lori Allen on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Joseph Rogers Primary School.

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, Lori Allen is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Allen was recently selected as Teacher of the Year by Joseph Rogers Primary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Allen earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from East Tennessee State University (ETSU) in 1996, a Master of Education degree in elementary education from ETSU in 1998, and an Educational Specialist degree in administration and supervision from Lincoln Memorial University in 2006; and

WHEREAS, she began her employment with Hawkins County Schools as a kindergarten teacher in 1997, the position in which she remained until 2001, at which time she began serving with acumen and alacrity as a teacher at Joseph Rogers Primary School; and

WHEREAS, Lori Allen 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, Ms. Allen has graciously donated her time to numerous scholastic efforts, including Batelle Value-Added Assessment Training, Social Studies Pacing Guide for Kindergarten, Leadership Hawkins County Schools 2008-09, she has served as a member of the 2011 Math Textbook Committee, Co-Chair on the 2007 School Improvement Committee, member of the Kindergarten Report Card Committee, and as a member of the Kindergarten Math Pacing Guide Committee; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as Chairperson of the Kindergarten Grade Level; member of the CDDRE team at Joseph Rogers Primary School; Team Member of the School Wide Positive Behavior Primary Preventions; facilitator of Terrific Tuesdays, which is a parent involvement activity offered monthly at the school that was recognized in 2009 as Title I Best Practice for the State of Tennessee; and as a presenter at the UETCTM conference in Hawkins County in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Lori Allen is a distinguished member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the Hawkins County Education Association, and Delta Kappa Gamma; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Allen has received numerous awards and recognitions for the Putting Children First Grant in 1999 and the TLG 2000 Grant; and

WHEREAS, she is an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church in Church Hill, which she serves as Director of the Preschool Children's Church Department, Co-Chair of the Nursery Committee, as a Vacation Bible School teacher and helper, and she assists about thirty underserved families in the Church Hill area through the Baptist Men's Children's

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Community Christmas Ministry, for which she organizes and shops for about sixty children and helps with wrapping and sorting gifts for distribution on the Saturday before Christmas; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Allen truly 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

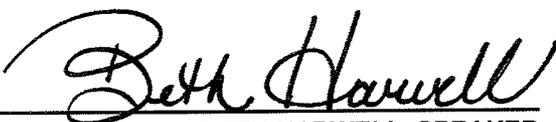
WHEREAS, Lori Allen epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lori Allen on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Joseph Rogers Primary School, 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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ADOPTED: APRIL 28, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR