



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 270

By Representative Harrison

and

Senator Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sarah Arnold on her selection as Hawkins County Teacher of the Year for the kindergarten through fourth-grade division.

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Arnold has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for the kindergarten through fourth-grade division by Hawkins County Schools, 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, an avid learner and diligent student in her own right, Sarah Arnold attended East Tennessee State University, Pensacola Junior College, the University of Rhode Island, and Michigan State University; she earned her bachelor's degree from the University of West Florida and her master's degree from Salve Regina University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arnold 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, a truly capable educator, Sarah Arnold has skillfully taught first grade at Mount Carmel Elementary School since 2001, having previously rendered sterling service as a long-term substitute teacher, homebound teacher, and second-grade teacher for Hawkins County Schools; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary tenure at Mount Carmel, Ms. Arnold has served as a valued member of the Recycling Club, Science Fair Committee, and Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, before joining the Hawkins County faculty, Sarah Arnold served with acumen and alacrity as a resource teacher, associate professor, substitute teacher, and first-grade teacher at various schools throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional in the field of education, Sarah Arnold is an Orton-Gillingham Practicum/Practitioner, future teacher mentor, student teacher supervisor, and member of the National Education Association, Tennessee Education Association, Hamilton County Education Association, and Rhode Island State Council International Reading Association; and

WHEREAS, this innovative and inspiring leader in education coordinates upperclassman who mentor and tutor children in after-school programs, and she masterfully led a Basic Youth Conflict Seminar at the Rhode Island Reading Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arnold is also a dedicated civic leader, having distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through her work with many charitable organizations, including serving as a Den Mother for several Boy Scout troops, President of Parents Helping Students, Secretary of the Church Hill Ruritan Club, English as a Second Language Volunteer, Community Clothes Closet Volunteer, and a member of the Church Hill

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Lions Club, Citizen's Scholarship Foundation, and Portsmouth Substance Abuse Task Force; and

WHEREAS, a humble servant of the Almighty, Sarah Arnold is a devout member of her church, where she has faithfully participated in Vacation Bible School, mission trips, food drives, community clean-up programs, and sports camps; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ms. Arnold is a member of *Who's Who in American Education* and the Phi Theta Kappa Fraternity, and she took home the state title at Olympics of the Mind; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Arnold 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. Arnold truly 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 Sarah Arnold on being chosen as Teacher of the Year for the kindergarten through fourth-grade division of Hawkins County Schools, 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