State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor Frazier Elementary School of Rhea County on being nominated for the 2011 Blue Ribbon School Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have earned state and national recognition; and

WHEREAS, such an exemplary institution is Frazier Elementary School in Rhea County, which was recently nominated by the Tennessee Department of Education for the 2011 Blue Ribbon School Award, a very selective and distinguished honor that is presented annually in November by the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, commending the very best, the Blue Ribbon School honor is only awarded to those public and private schools whose students either attain very high levels of achievement on nationally-normed tests in reading and math or who make significant progress in closing achievement gap levels, especially among disadvantaged and minority students; and

WHEREAS, qualifying as a school where students have made significant progress in academic achievement, Frazier's students have scored at a rate that places it among the top forty percent of schools in Tennessee on English language arts and mathematics assessments; and

WHEREAS, under the dynamic leadership of Principal Gayle Kelley, the faculty, administration, and staff at Frazier Elementary School have built an environment at their school that ensures that students have the very best atmosphere for learning, letting the students know that they care about them and believe in them; and

WHEREAS, their school's nomination as a Blue Ribbon School is a tremendous source of pride for the administration, teachers, students and parents of the Frazier community as well as for Rhea County Director of Schools, Jerry Levengood, and the citizens of Rhea County; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Frazier Elementary is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Principal Gayle Kelley and the faculty, staff and students of Frazier Elementary School in Rhea County on being nominated for the prestigious 2011 Blue Ribbon School Award by the Tennessee Department of Education and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success.

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: February 23, 2011

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

BETH HARWELL, *SPEAKER*
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 4th day of March 2011

BILL HASLAM, *GOVERNOR*