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HOUSE RESOLUTION 51  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Teresa Scoggins on earning the Reading Renaissance Model Classroom Level I Certification.

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, Teresa Scoggins of Oak Grove Elementary School is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Scoggins has recently been awarded the Reading Renaissance Model Classroom Level I Certification by the School Renaissance Institute; it is 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, The School Renaissance Institute works with educators nationwide to disseminate proven, effective teaching techniques and strategies; the Institute's Reading Renaissance program is a comprehensive reading improvement strategy that combines computer technology with extensive reading practice to precipitate rapid and significant increases in student reading comprehension; and

WHEREAS, To receive certification, Teresa Scoggins had to demonstrate that her students were participating daily in at least sixty minutes of reading practice, and she actively worked with her students to meet Institute-recommended standards for reading achievement; and

WHEREAS, In bestowing certification, the Institute verified that Ms. Scoggins' efforts to implement the Reading Renaissance program have coincided with measurable increases in student reading performance; and

WHEREAS, An extremely talented and compassionate educator, Ms. Scoggins works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; she truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know her; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Scoggins truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all; as stated by author Helen Caldicott, "Teachers. . . are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate Teresa Scoggins of Oak Grove Elementary School on earning the Reading Renaissance Model Classroom Level I Certification, 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.