

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 266
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Judith Thompson on her selection as Rutherford County Schools' Middle School District Teacher of the Year.

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

WHEREAS, Judith Thompson, a seventh-grade math teacher at Rock Springs Middle School, has recently been selected Rutherford County Schools' Middle School District Teacher of the Year, 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, Judith Thompson first dedicated her life to teaching while taking a class in education at the University of North Alabama in Florence. The career matched what her parents had told her was her job in life: to love, to serve, and to learn; and

WHEREAS, Judith Thompson has served with acumen and alacrity as a math teacher and is a veteran educator of twenty-five exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable professional first taught at three schools in Alabama before accepting a position at Smyrna Middle School in 1999. Ms. Thompson transferred to Rock Springs Middle School in 2003, and Principal Pat Essary appointed her to be the team leader for the 7-1 minischool, which is a grouping of students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Principal Essary has given this outstanding educator the highest of the praise saying, "Ms. Thompson exemplifies everything I try to look for in a teacher." The administrator also added that this consummate math teacher has the experience, expertise, and love of children necessary to be a leader in education; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Thompson has also proudly received recognition by her faculty peers as the Rock Springs Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Judith Thompson 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, Judith Thompson 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, her many professional accomplishments aside, Judith Thompson is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her two children, Jennifer Wells and Barrett Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Judith Thompson 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 FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Judith Thompson, a math teacher at Rock Springs Middle School, on being chosen as Rutherford County Schools' Middle School District 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.