

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 768

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lana Self upon being named Russellville Elementary School's 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, Lana Self is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Self has recently been selected Teacher of the Year at Russellville Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher and speech pathologist as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Lana Self, along with all other school-wide Teachers of the Year, will be considered for further recognition on a system-wide basis in three categories: pre-K through grade four, grades five through eight, and grades nine through twelve; those winners will then be nominated for district honors; and

WHEREAS, Lana Self places great emphasis on education in her personal life as well as in her professional service, having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree in Speech Pathology from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Self continues her education through post-graduate studies at Carson-Newman College per ASHA guidelines; she is certified by the American Speech/Language Hearing Association and is a member of HCEA and TEA; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable 20-year career as a speech pathologist, Lana Self has worked with the Cherokee Health Systems, the National Health Corporation of Knoxville, and the University of Tennessee Child Development Systems; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Self serves as Supervisor of the Clinical Fellowship Year for applicants seeking certification in speech, language, and hearing, and for practicum students seeking speech/language pathology degrees; and

WHEREAS, a devoted Christian, Lana Self has faithfully served the Trinity United Methodist Church for eleven years, serving as a member of the Education Committee, which plans Christian education activities and programs for elementary-age children in the church and the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Self has also served as Secretary of Trinity's Administrative Council, and she is a member of the Fellowship Sunday School Class, the Adult Handbell Choir, and the Ladies Bible Study Group; and

WHEREAS, Lana Self 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. Self 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, Lana Self 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 Lana Self on being chosen Teacher of the Year at Russellville Elementary 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.

