

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 769
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Melinda Reese on being honored as the Union Heights Elementary School 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, Melinda Reese is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reese has recently been selected as the Union Heights Elementary School 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, a kindergarten teacher at Union Heights Elementary, Melinda Reese is currently pursuing her Ed.S. degree in Administration at Lincoln Memorial University; she holds a Master of Science from Tusculum, a Bachelor of Science from the University of Tennessee, and an Associate of Science from Walter State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reese has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher at Union Heights Elementary since 1992; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Hamblen County Education Association, Ms. Reese has ably served the group as president, vice president, co-president, executive board member, and building representative; she has further served the Association as a member of several key committees, including the Negotiations, Legislative, HC-PACE, Newsletter, and TEA's Internal Organization Needs committees; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Reese is a valued member of the Lakeway Reading Council, the International Reading Association, and Delta Kappa Gamma International, Xi State, Tennessee, Alpha Zeta Chapter; currently, she serves on DKG's Legislative Committee; and

WHEREAS, a coordinating teacher for five CNC and two Tusculum teachers, Ms. Reese is also a mentoring teacher to fellow teachers at Union Heights; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Melinda Reese is a member of the Morristown Parks and Recreation sponsored Martial Arts School/Dojo (Karate 5); she earned her first-degree black belt (second degree) in Isshinryu and Modern Arnis; her dojo is often to participate in self-defense training exercises for women's groups; and

WHEREAS, as a devout member of Bethel Baptist Church, Melinda Reese actively serves her church as the Bible School co-director and a Sunday school teacher; she further serves as the Children's Church leader and a nursery worker; and

WHEREAS, a graduate and active alumnus of the Morristown Citizen Policy Academy, Ms. Reese generously serves her community as a helper and participant in police training exercises; additionally, she helps with Child Find; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Reese 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. Reese 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, Melinda Reese truly epitomizes the paragon 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 Ms. Melinda Reese on being chosen as the Union Heights Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to

the children of Hamblen County, 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.