

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 895
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate John Vaden upon his selection as Rutherford County Schools' High 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, John Vaden is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, John Vaden, a biology teacher at Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro, has recently been selected as Rutherford County Schools' High School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a native of Williamson County, Mr. Vaden graduated from Franklin High School in 1984 and earned his bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in 1990; he received his master's degree in 1997 and education specialist's degree in 1999 from MTSU; and

WHEREAS, for the past twelve years, John Vaden has served with acumen and alacrity as a biology teacher at Riverdale High School; he is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, he truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, he has received the highest professional praise from Riverdale High School's principal, who said of Mr. Vaden, "He's an outstanding teacher and a valuable member

of our faculty. He's well deserving of the opportunity to represent Rutherford County for state competition for teacher of the year."; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, John Vaden is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his wife, Nichol; their marriage has been blessed with two wonderful children, Daniel and Nicholas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaden 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 he 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 John Vaden of Riverdale High School upon being chosen as Rutherford County Schools' High School Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him every success in all 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.