

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1299
By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rose Marie Lummus upon being named the Outstanding Earth Science Teacher for Tennessee and the Southeastern United States.

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

WHEREAS, Rose Lummus was recently named the Outstanding Earth Science Teacher for Tennessee and the Southeastern United States, 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, Rose Lummus serves with the utmost acumen and alacrity at Dyersburg Middle School, where she teaches seventh grade science, world geography, and Tennessee history; and

WHEREAS, before beginning her estimable career with Dyersburg Middle School, Rose Lummus was a student-teacher with Halls Elementary and Fifth Consolidated Elementary School and a seventh grade science teacher at Lauderdale Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lummus attended the University of Tennessee-Martin and graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1996, and she obtained a Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee-Martin in 1998; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ms. Lummus was recognized by *Who's Who Among American College Students* and *Who's Who Among Students in American*

Junior Colleges, and she received the 1994 University of Tennessee Community College Scholarship, the 1995 University of Tennessee Gooch Scholarship, the 1998-2000 Bank of Ripley Mini Grant, and the 2001 Lauderdale County Education Assistant Grant; and

WHEREAS, Rose Lummus was named the Dyersburg State Community College Outstanding History Student in 1992-1993 and the Dyersburg State Community College Outstanding Graduate in 1993-1994; she also made the Dean's List every semester of her college career and the National Dean's List in 1993-1994; and

WHEREAS, donating her time and many talents to numerous professional and civic organizations and activities, Rose Lummus has served as a member of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), the Tennessee Science Teachers Association (TSTA), the Lauderdale County Education Association, the National Educational Association, the Student Tennessee Education Association, and the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Rose Lummus constantly develops and refines her professional teaching skills; she has attended numerous teaching conventions, including the NSTA Regional Convention in 1997, the NSTA National Convention in 1997, the Aquatic Project Wild Workshop in 1997, the Forensics Anthropology Short Course in 1997, the NSTA Regional Conference in 1998, the TSTA Regional Conference in 1999, the TSTA State Conference in 2000, the NSTA Regional Conference in 2001, and the NSTA National Conference in 2001; she also attended the Woodrow Wilson Leadership Program for Teachers, a month long program in Princeton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lummus 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, Rose Lummus 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, deeply devoted to her family, Ms. Lummus always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Rose Lummus epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to education that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Rose Lummus should be specially recognized for her singular achievement; 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 Rose Marie Lummus upon being named the Outstanding Earth Science Teacher for Tennessee and the Southeastern United States, 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.