

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 180

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Crystal Amirkhanian on her selection as a Tennessee 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, Crystal Amirkhanian is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Amirkhanian received her Bachelor's degree from Tennessee Technological University (TTU), where she also completed 24 course hours toward a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a Concentration in Reading; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a Kindergarten teacher for Northeast Elementary since Spring 2001; prior to working at Northeast, Ms. Amirkhanian was a substitute teacher for Putnam County from January 2000 to Spring 2001, for a total of six exemplary years of teaching; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Amirkhanian is a member of a number of worthy organizations such as the International Reading Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, she has lent her time and professional talents to numerous activities, including the Support Team of Northeast Elementary, for which she served as Chairperson; the

Putnam County Report Card Committee; the TTU Summer Math Institute; and the Reading is Fundamental Program of Northeast Elementary, for which she served as Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Amirkhanian has received many distinguished awards and recognitions throughout her tenure as a teacher, including Teacher of the Year at Northeast Elementary for 2006-2007; a nomination to Disney's Teacher of the Year; and the Elizabeth Bell Memorial Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Amirkhanian is also most notable for her tireless commitment to community service; she has served as Reading Tutor at Northeast, a House Relief Parent at Happy Haven, the supply room organizer and stocker at Holladay Church of Christ, the Northeast Chess Club sponsor, a Saturday Morning Reader for Bookworks, and a Children's Bible Hour teacher at the Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, she 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. Amirkhanian 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, she 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 FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Crystal Amirkhanian on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Northeast 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 IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.