

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 186

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Barbara Asberry, on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Cornerstone Middle School.

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Asberry has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year at Cornerstone Middle School, 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, Barbara Asberry received her bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as a Specialist in Education degree in Administration and Supervision, from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a seventh grade Math teacher at Cornerstone Middle School since 2003; she has devoted a total of twenty exemplary years to the teaching profession, all at Tennessee public schools; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Asberry has lent her time and professional talents to numerous leadership activities; she served on the 2004-2005 Math Textbook Adoption Committee, as a Seventh Grade Team Leader from 2002 to 2005, and as a Cooperating Teacher for Student Teachers through Tennessee Technological University in 2003; she has also presented a variety of in-service teachings, the most recent being *Assessment in Mathematics* in June 2003; and

WHEREAS, since the fall of 2004, Ms. Asberry has been a member of the Professional Educators of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Asberry has received distinguished awards and recognitions throughout her tenure as a teacher, including Cornerstone Middle School Building Level Teacher of the Year in 2003 and Pickett County Outstanding 4-H Teacher Leader in 1999; and

WHEREAS, notable for her tireless commitment to community service, Barbara Asberry has served as the bookkeeper for Upperman High School Basketball since 2002; she has volunteered as a bookkeeper for Pickett County Little League and Pickett County High School Baseball, as well as assisted local teams by working in the concession stands; and

WHEREAS, although Ms. Asberry currently worships at New Home Baptist Church, she had been a longstanding member of Wolf River Baptist Church, in which capacity she served as Secretary of the Sunday School program from the middle to late 1990s, taught Sunday and Vacation Bible School, kept Sunday school records, prepared Christmas and Easter gift bags, and participated in Christmas caroling; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Asberry 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. Asberry 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, Ms. Asberry 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 Barbara Asberry on her selection as

Teacher of the Year at Cornerstone Middle 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.