

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 206

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Alicia Beth Swain upon being named Murfreesboro City Schools' K-4 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, Mrs. Alicia Beth Swain is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Swain has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year for the grades K-4 category of Murfreesboro City Schools (MCS), 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, Mrs. Swain received her Bachelor's degree and Master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Beth Swain has taught first grade for one year at her current school, Northfield Elementary; she has also taught at Hobgood Elementary, Mitchell Neilson Primary, Reeves-Rogers Elementary, in the Murfreesboro City School system for a remarkable total of twenty-two years of teaching; she has also served as Assistant Principal at Reeves-Rogers and Hobgood Elementary Schools; and

WHEREAS, an able leader and a consummate professional, Mrs. Swain has been an active participant in numerous educational activities such as Project MERGE; the Southern Association Accreditation Committee, which she served as Chair; and the PTA, which she served as President; she has also served as Murfreesboro City Schools Instructional Support Teacher, CPI trainee for the local building level, and a mentor to teachers being evaluated; and

WHEREAS, a member of the MEA, the MCS System-wide Planning Committee and Calendar Committee, the System-wide Accreditation Committee, and the ACSD, Mrs. Swain has been named to *Who's Who Among American Educators*; and

WHEREAS, beyond her work at Northfield, Mrs. Swain finds time to be actively involved in her community; she has served on various civic committees such as the 1996 Main Street Committee, the planning committee to benefit the Murfreesboro Orchestra, and the fundraising committee for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, an individual of great drive, she has also initiated many worthy civic and charitable efforts herself; she implemented a Family Reading Night at Reeves-Rogers Elementary, developed and implemented a training workshop entitled Parents as Literacy Partners, and developed the Northfield Art Night, among many other enriching activities; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mrs. Swain was named the Murfreesboro City Schools Teacher of the Year for 2004, the MEA's Distinguished Classroom Teacher for 2000 and 2004, and the Local Representative for MEA's Distinguished Educational Support Personnel for 2005; and

WHEREAS, those who know her best speak of Beth Swain as an educator with deep understanding, enthusiasm, and a positive disposition; and

WHEREAS, Beth Swain is grateful for the love and support she has received from her family and colleagues; 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, Alicia Beth Swain 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 Alicia Beth Swain upon being chosen Murfreesboro City Schools' K-4 Teacher of the Year, 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.