

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1213

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sandra Thompson on her selection as the Lewis County Elementary School Teacher of the Year for the 2009-2010 school year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson was recently selected as the Lewis County Elementary School Teacher of the Year for the 2009-2010 school year, 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, personally dedicated to academic rigor, Sandra Thompson attended the University of Tennessee at Martin and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Middle Tennessee State University in 1989 and her Master of Education Administration and Supervision degree from Tennessee State University in 2002; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-year veteran of the Lewis County School System, Ms. Thompson masterfully taught fourth grade at Lewis County Intermediate School and, for the past six years, has served with kindness and enthusiasm as the Physical Education teacher for Pre-K through second grade at Lewis County Elementary School (LCES); and

WHEREAS, Sandra Thompson has distinguished herself as a public spirited citizen of the highest order through her work with numerous children's programs and civic events, including serving as the volunteer coach for Jr. Pro and summer sports program for children; the

coach for LCES jump rope team, the Nestle Water Labels coordinator, the All Children Exercise Simultaneously (ACES) coordinator, the Parents and Children Exercise Simultaneously (PACES) coordinator, and a proud participant in the LCES Relay for Life and the Lewis County Education 5K Run; and

WHEREAS, an innovative and inspiring leader in education, Ms. Thompson is a valuable member of the Tennessee Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAHPERD); the Chairman of Committee Four (SACS); a supervisor of four student teachers; and a lead teacher; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Thompson has earned the respect and admiration of her community through her meritorious service and her dedication to her students while exuding a tireless enthusiasm and a willingness to try new and innovative methods in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, Ms. Thompson 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, Sandra Thompson 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 recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Sandra Thompson on her selection as the Lewis County Elementary School Teacher of the Year for the 2009-2010 school year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.