

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 154

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Channie Phagan upon her selection as the Jefferson County Teacher of the Year for grades PreK through four.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders and exemplary educators of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Channie Phagan, who was recently chosen as the Jefferson County Teacher of the Year for grades PreK through four; and

WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's degree from East Tennessee State University and a master's degree from Carson-Newman College, and is in her fifteenth year of teaching first grade at White Pine School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Phagan is a steadfast and loyal employee, and is talented and much loved and respected in her school; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Channie Phagan was chosen as Teacher of the Year at White Pine School in 2002 and again in 2009, when she was also chosen as the system-level Teacher of the Year for grades PreK through five. She is also the chosen recipient of the coveted "Irreplaceable Teacher" award at her school;

WHEREAS, with a special affinity for promoting literacy and sharing her love of reading with others, Mrs. Phagan serves as publicity chair for the Mossy Creek Literacy Council, and she is a member of the Tennessee Reading Association and the International Reading Society; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Phagan is a consummate educator and serves regularly in the church's vacation Bible school program. She also founded and coordinates a children's reading

program that has been highly successfully in engaging the children and families in her community; and

WHEREAS, Channie Phagan epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Phagan for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Channie Phagan upon her selection as the Jefferson County Teacher of the Year for grades PreK through four 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.