

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 161

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Whitney Jacobsen on her selection as the 2015 Jefferson County Grades 5–8 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, Whitney Jacobsen is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jacobsen was recently selected as the 2015 Jefferson County Grades 5–8 Teacher of the 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, a seventh-grade math teacher at Jefferson Middle School, Ms. Jacobsen has been teaching math in Jefferson County Schools for six years; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Jacobsen has held multiple leadership positions, including serving as a Common Core learning leader, and as a cooperating teacher for student teachers, and she led the countywide professional development on textbook evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jacobsen believes in the abilities of every one of her students and emphasizes the importance of hard work and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Jacobsen earned her master’s degree at Carson-Newman University (CNU), and her outstanding dedication to her students was recognized when she received the Carson-Newman University Cooperating Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Jacobsen is also very active in her community, teaching English as a Second Language at True Life Church, teaching on mission trips, and serving as the lead education interviewer at CNU for graduate and undergraduate candidates; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jacobsen is truly 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, Whitney Jacobsen epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest values 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Whitney Jacobsen on being chosen as the 2015 Jefferson County Grades 5–8 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.