

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 192

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Karen Kelley on her selection as the 2014–2015 Sevier County Secondary 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, Dr. Karen Kelley is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kelley has been selected as the 2014–2015 Sevier County Secondary 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, Dr. Kelley serves with acumen and alacrity as a history teacher at Pigeon Forge High School and is currently in her eighteenth year as an educator; 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, Dr. Kelley 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, in addition to her work in the classroom, she has served in a variety of leadership positions and has assisted with district-level training events and curriculum development projects; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Dr. Kelley is a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, the Tennessee Council for Social Studies, the American Psychological Association, and the Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools; and

WHEREAS, in addition, she is a member of the First Baptist Church of Sevierville, a member of the Kiwanis Club, a United Way supporter, and a Future Voters of America Advisory board member, and she has coordinated numerous community activities; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Karen Kelley has also been selected as a finalist for the East Tennessee Grand Division for the Tennessee Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen Kelley truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts 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 Dr. Karen Kelley on being chosen as the 2014–2015 Sevier County Secondary Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the youth 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.