

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1 of the Second Extraordinary Session

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A RESOLUTION to honor Corderyl J. Martin on being named a finalist for Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding professionals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Corderyl J. Martin, a saxophonist, composer, and Co-Director of Bands at Whitthorne Middle School in Maury County, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the 2016-2017 Maury County Teacher of the Year, Mr. Martin was recently named a finalist for Tennessee Teacher of the Year representing the South Central District, an honor most befitting the impact he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a highly talented musician who began his formal music studies at the age of nine, Corderyl Martin earned All-State and Mid-State honors at Columbia Central High School and received a scholarship to study music at Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin completed his Bachelor of Music degree in Instrumental Music Education at Middle Tennessee State University in 2010 and obtained his Master of Music degree in Instrumental Conducting from the American Band College of Sam Houston State University in 2014; and

WHEREAS, an artist, clinician, and educator, Corderyl Martin serves as conductor of the Ethos Jazz Ensemble, an audition-based youth jazz ensemble in the Middle Tennessee area, and he continues to perform and record in the Nashville area on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty, staff, and students alike of Whitthorne Middle School, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Corderyl Martin truly epitomizes the dedicated school teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he 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 commend Corderyl J. Martin upon being named a finalist for Tennessee Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his 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.