

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 313

By Crawford

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Margaret Trent of
Holston Valley Middle School, Teacher of the
Year at the State VEX Robotics Tournament.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those outstanding and gifted teachers of our State whose compassion, ability, and devotion to their profession inspire their students to greatness; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable educator is Margaret Trent of Holston Valley Middle School, who was recently selected as Teacher of the Year at the State VEX Robotics Tournament, a most befitting honor as it recognizes her dedication to excellence in the classroom and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the VEX Robotics Competition, presented by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation, is the largest and fastest-growing middle school and high school robotics program globally, with more than 20,000 teams from fifty countries playing in over 1,700 competitions worldwide. Each year, an exciting engineering challenge is presented in the form of a game, and students, with guidance from their teachers and mentors, build innovative robots and compete year-round; and

WHEREAS, currently a resident of Hickory Tree/Bluff City, Mrs. Trent grew up in Holston Valley and attended Emmett Elementary School, Holston Valley Middle School, and Sullivan East High School, from which she graduated in 1994; upon graduation, she moved to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, after returning home to East Tennessee, Margaret Trent fulfilled her dream of becoming a teacher; she attended East Tennessee State University, graduating in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education; and

WHEREAS, she began her career in Sullivan County Schools, working as a teacher's aide at Valley Pike Elementary School in 2009; the following year, she accepted a position as a fifth-grade teacher at Sullivan Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Trent has always had a deep love and attachment to the community in which she grew up, so, in 2012, she accepted employment with Holston Valley Middle School, teaching English language arts; she taught sixth-grade English language arts until the 2016-2017 school year, at which point she transitioned to teaching sixth-grade math; and

WHEREAS, in the two years since, Margaret Trent has inspired and enabled her sixth-grade math students to excel in the classroom; her commitment to high-quality methods of instruction and compassionate rapport with her students has led to high achievement beyond the classroom, including in the middle school State VEX Robotics Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Trent is an exemplary Tennessee educator, and it is most fitting that she be honored at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate Margaret Trent of Holston Valley Middle School upon being named Teacher of the Year at the State VEX Robotics Tournament, extending our best wishes for continued success in all 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.