

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 400

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lani O'Connor on her selection as the 2019 Jefferson County Schools' Teacher of the Year for grades 9-12.

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, Lani O'Connor is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. O'Connor was recently selected as the 2019 Jefferson County Schools' Teacher of the Year for grades 9-12, 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 service learning teacher at Jefferson County High School, Lani O'Connor has been employed by Jefferson County Schools for eight years; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia, Ms. O'Connor holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism/Broadcast News and a Master of Science degree in Journalism/Advertising from that esteemed institution; and

WHEREAS, Lani O'Connor completed the Transitional Teaching Licensure Program at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ms. O'Connor 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, she 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, Lani O'Connor 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lani O'Connor on being chosen as the 2019 Jefferson County Schools' Teacher of the Year for grades 9-12, 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.