

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 796

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Brian McLaughlin on his selection as the 2019-2020 Tennessee 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, one such estimable individual is Brian McLaughlin, an algebra teacher at Morristown-Hamblen High School West, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a devoted Tennessee public school educator for the Hamblen County Department of Education, Mr. McLaughlin was recently named the 2019-2020 Tennessee Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence he has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, operated by the Tennessee Department of Education, the Tennessee Teacher of the Year program annually recognizes and honors outstanding teachers from across the State who devote their professional lives to enriching the lives of Tennessee's children and demonstrate exceptional gains in student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Brian McLaughlin is a National Board Certified Teacher who received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics from Carson-Newman University and his Master of Education degree from Tusculum College; and

WHEREAS, a Tennessee teacher for eleven years, Mr. McLaughlin has earned a Level 5 effectiveness rating every year of his teaching career; and

WHEREAS, as one of the nine Teacher of the Year state finalists and the Tennessee Teacher of the Year, he will now serve on the Teacher Advisory Council during the 2019-2020

and 2020-2021 school years for the Tennessee Department of Education; the council acts as a working group of expert teachers to provide feedback and inform the work of the department throughout the school year; and

WHEREAS, Brian McLaughlin is an inspiration to the faculty, staff, and students of Morristown-Hamblen High School West, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McLaughlin truly epitomizes the dedicated 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Brian McLaughlin on being chosen as the 2019-2020 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.