

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1150

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Becca Russell on her selection as the 2019-2020 Sequoyah Elementary School 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, Becca Russell is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Russell was recently selected by Knox County Schools as the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at Sequoyah Elementary School, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Central High School, where she was a member of the school's track and cross country teams, Becca Russell recalls that, despite her affinity for activity, it was only by sitting still as a student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville that she seriously pondered her career path as a physical education (PE) teacher; and

WHEREAS, now a veteran of nearly three decades in the classroom, Ms. Russell began her estimable career at Inskip Elementary School, then taught at Blue Grass Elementary School for eleven years before joining the faculty of Sequoyah Elementary School nine years ago; and

WHEREAS, ever innovative, she has connected with other PE educators from across the nation to share lessons, ideas, and strategies in furtherance of their shared commitment to education; and

WHEREAS, Becca Russell 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, Ms. Russell 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, Becca Russell truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest tenets 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 Becca Russell on being chosen as the 2019-2020 Sequoyah Elementary School Teacher of the Year, 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.