

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1223

By Grills

A RESOLUTION to recognize Kathy McLean on the occasion of her retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Kathy McLean is one such estimable educator who, having distinguished herself as an exemplary teacher, has entered into a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a veteran teacher, Kathy McLean has served with acumen and alacrity as an educator for thirty-one years, instructing and positively influencing students from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Kathy McLean received her bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin and her master's degree from Union University in Jackson; and

WHEREAS, a fourth-grade teacher at Trimble Elementary School since 2017, Ms. McLean has taught every grade between kindergarten and fifth grade during her extensive career and served as assistant principal from 2009 to 2017 in addition to her regular teaching assignment; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McLean has served as a member of the Rapid Response Team; coordinator of the Quiz Bowl, the *Trimble Gazette*, and the Student Leadership Team; member of the Superintendent Advisory Board; site director of the Keys after-school program; mentor of new teachers and student teachers; ELA Core coach facilitator; PTO Executive Board member; Standard Setting Committee member; and Nonviolence Crisis Intervention Certified Instructor; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she has received the American Farm Bureau's White-Reinhardt Scholarship as a national winner, the Adult 4-H Leader and Community Service Award, recognition as the Tennessee Titans Teacher of the Week, and the Ag in the Classroom Outstanding Teacher Award both at the county and state levels; and

WHEREAS, an organized professional who always set high expectations for her students, Kathy McLean truly served as an inspiration to her colleagues and her students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. McLean demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Kathy McLean truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized for her manifold achievements on the occasion of her retirement; 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 honor Kathy McLean, commending her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, saluting her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success 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.