

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 137

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Brian McLaughlin on his selection as the 2018-2019 Morristown-Hamblen High School West 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, Brian McLaughlin is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Brian McLaughlin has been selected as the 2018-2019 Morristown-Hamblen High School West Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, an educator for ten years, Mr. McLaughlin teaches both regular and honors Algebra II and Advanced Placement Statistics; he has also taught math and science reasoning courses to students at Morristown-Hamblen High School East through Distance Learning Labs; and

WHEREAS, Brian McLaughlin received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics from Carson-Newman University and his Master of Education degree from Tusculum College; he has earned Level 5 effectiveness every year as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his field, Mr. McLaughlin serves as a Tennessee SCORE Fellow to advocate for students in his school, district, and state; he also helped create Hamblen

County's first ACT preparatory program to ensure college readiness for all high school students;
and

WHEREAS, a mentor to new teachers, he has trained other teachers on ACT test information, resources, test-taking strategies, and state and district goals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McLaughlin is an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Brian McLaughlin truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Brian McLaughlin on being chosen as the 2018-2019 Morristown-Hamblen High School West Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional 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.