

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 726

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Loftis Middle School on twenty-five years of excellence.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those public schools in Tennessee that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents, have achieved significant milestones; and

WHEREAS, Loftis Middle School on Camp Columbus Road in Hixson is one such exemplary school that will mark twenty-five years of excellence during the 2019-2020 academic school year; and

WHEREAS, a part of Hamilton County Schools, Loftis Middle School serves grades 6-8 and is a high-performing school, having attained a Level 5 score in growth on the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) for both the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years; and

WHEREAS, a Level 5 TVAAS score signifies that Loftis Middle School has continued to grow students quickly or more quickly than other schools like Loftis statewide; although its academic performance level is exceptional, Loftis Middle School is always striving for improvement; and

WHEREAS, led by school principal Dr. Mary Catherine Gatlin, the administration, faculty, and staff of Loftis Middle School have built an environment that ensures students have the very best atmosphere for learning; and

WHEREAS, Loftis Middle School's legacy of achievement is a tremendous source of pride for its administration, teachers, students, and parents; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Loftis Middle School is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this General Assembly; 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 hereby commend and honor Loftis Middle School on twenty-five years of education excellence, salute the school's administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents for their commitment to quality education, and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in the future.

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.