

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 811

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Erica Carey on her selection as the 2019-2020 Lincoln Heights Middle 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, Erica Carey is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Erica Carey has been selected as the 2019-2020 Lincoln Heights Middle School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a fourteen-year educator, Ms. Carey teaches eighth grade English language arts at Lincoln Heights Middle School, having previously taught sixth grade English language arts; she serves as District Learning Leader and Lincoln Heights Middle School's English Language Arts Department Leader. Before joining Lincoln Heights Middle School, she taught sixth grade social studies, kindergarten, fourth grade, and fifth grade at Rogersville City School; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the educational well-being of her students, she participates in the Lincoln Promise program, which introduces eighth grade students and their families to postsecondary opportunities and options; and

WHEREAS, Erica Carey holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Carson-Newman University; a Master of Science degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Tusculum University; and an Education Specialist degree in Administration and Supervision from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carey is 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, Erica Carey 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 she 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 hereby honor and congratulate Erica Carey on being chosen as the 2019-2020 Lincoln Heights Middle 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.