

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 823

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Elizabeth Neill on her selection as the 2019-2020 Hillcrest 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, Dr. Elizabeth Neill is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Neill has been selected as the 2019-2020 Hillcrest Elementary 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 seventeen-year educator, Dr. Neill has spent the past three years teaching English language learning (ELL) at Hillcrest Elementary School; she previously served as an English language arts teacher at Lincoln Heights Middle School; and

WHEREAS, she founded the "Tailgate Ministry: Showing Love" program to build relationships with the families and communities of her ELL students; the program has grown exponentially to include more than seventy-five handpicked volunteers and numerous outreach activities, all of which have grown relationships and fostered trust between the families and the education system; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Neill holds an Associate of Science degree from Walters State Community College, a Bachelor of Science degree from Tusculum College, a Master of Arts degree from Carson-Newman University, an Education Specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University, and a Doctor of Education degree from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Neill 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, Dr. Elizabeth Neill 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 Dr. Elizabeth Neill on being chosen as the 2019-2020 Hillcrest 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.