

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 868

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Donovan Harrington on his selection as the 2020 Anderson County 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, Donovan Harrington is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrington has recently been named the 2020 Anderson County Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence he has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Donovan Harrington holds an undergraduate degree in biology and a graduate degree in science and education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, an employee of Anderson County Schools for more than seven years, Mr. Harrington is chair of the Science Department and teaches Biology, AP Biology, and Environmental Biology at Anderson County High School; and

WHEREAS, one hundred percent of Mr. Harrington's students took the AP Environmental Science test this past school year, with eighty-seven percent earning a passing score compared to a global pass rate of forty-nine percent; and

WHEREAS, supportive of his students' scholastic endeavors, he also serves with acumen and alacrity as an advisor to the student government association, the Science Bowl team, and the Scholar's Bowl team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrington is recognized as a Level 5 teacher by the Anderson County School Board and works for the College Board as an AP test reader; he also works at an ACT boot camp on Saturdays, helping more than 400 students prepare for the test; and

WHEREAS, Donovan Harrington 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, Mr. Harrington serves as 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, Donovan Harrington truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals 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 hereby honor and congratulate Donovan Harrington on being chosen as the 2020 Anderson County Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.