

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1148

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Paula Dyer on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Lewis County Middle School.

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, Paula Dyer is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Paula Dyer has been named Teacher of the Year at Lewis County Middle School, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-two-year educator, Mrs. Dyer currently serves with acumen and alacrity as a sixth-grade math teacher; for the last five years, she has taught sixth-grade enrichment classes, and she has served as cooperating teacher for eight teacher candidates from Middle Tennessee State University, Martin Methodist College, and the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she has been named teacher of the week by both Fox 17 and the *Lewis County Herald*; she was named VFW district-level Teacher of the Year in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Paula Dyer is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; she is very active in her school's ELA literacy nights; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dyer serves as 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, Paula Dyer truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals 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 Paula Dyer on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Lewis County Middle School, 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.