

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 449
By Womack

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Leslie Marrie S. Lasater, on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Homer Pittard Campus School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary teachers who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Marrie S. Lasater is one such exemplary person, a voice of concern in education; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Marrie Lasater was recently selected as the District Level Teacher of the Year by Homer Pittard Campus School, an honor most befitting her meritorious service to education and her devotion to the children she teaches; and

WHEREAS, Marrie Lasater received her bachelor's degree and a master's degree from University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Marrie has served her students with enthusiasm, industry and singular acumen for over 20 years; 7 of those remarkable years have been spent at Homer Pittard Campus School as a 5th grade teacher; and

WHEREAS, she also serves admirably as an adjunct professor at Middle Tennessee State University, an MTSU Campus School World Wide Web researcher, a member of the National Education Association, a member of the Tennessee Education Association and as a member of the Rutherford County Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Marrie has received several important grants for her work, including: the “Driving into the Future with Factorials” BEP Mini-Grant, the “Class Link” and “Class Link Plus” grants and two National Association of Laboratory Schools grants; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lasater was also honored as Campus School Teacher of the Year in 1990, 1994, and 1995; and

WHEREAS, she is a volunteer for many school-related activities, such as the Campus School Math Team, the Campus School Newspaper and the Campus School Yearbook; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lasater is an extremely patient and giving person who motivates her students to reach their full potential, one of the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, Marrie Lasater is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish her and is deeply admired by students and fellow teachers; and

WHEREAS, she evinces a strong faith in the Lord through her active membership at St. Mark’s Methodist Church, where she has served as an instructor for Children’s Bible Study and taught in Vacation Bible School during several summers; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lasater is most appreciative of the love, support and assistance she receives from her husband and her two sons, aged nine and eleven; and

WHEREAS, while at home, Marrie enjoys serving as a team mom for the boys soccer, baseball and basketball teams; she actively participates in her children’s suzuki violin/piano lessons; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and friend, Marrie is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service, and is deserving of special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Leslie Marrie Lasater on being chosen as the District Level Teacher of the Year at Homer Pittard Campus School. We commend her meritorious

service to education, salute her expertise and dedication as an instructor, and wish her all the best in 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.