

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1087

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jo Ann Grigsby-Jenkins on her selection as 2010 Teacher of the Year for Volunteer High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jo Ann Grigsby-Jenkins is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Jo Ann Grigsby-Jenkins has recently been selected 2010 Teacher of the Year for Volunteer High School by Hawkins County Schools, 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, along with other distinguished Hawkins County teachers, Ms. Grigsby-Jenkins was recently honored at the Hawkins County School System's Teacher of the Year Banquet; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grigsby-Jenkins holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Memphis, a M.A.T. from East Tennessee State University, and an Ed.S. Degree from Lincoln Memorial University; she is certified in Mathematics 7-12, Spanish 7-12, Economics 7-12, and as a Beginning Administrator for Pre-K-12; and

WHEREAS, she began teaching at Cherokee High School in 1990 and transferred to Volunteer High School in 1992; she has taught Spanish I, II, and III, as well as Algebra I, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Probability and Statistics; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grigsby-Jenkins also dearly loves her students, and she has immersed herself in service to her students and others not only through classroom instruction, but also through her work with her church, First Baptist Church of Kingsport, as well as Habitat for Humanity, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Kitchen of Hope, Girl Scouts of America, and Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grigsby-Jenkins is an innovative and inspiring leader in education, as evidenced by her service as Component Chairperson of the SACS and School Improvement Plan Steering Committee; Chairperson of the Foreign Language and Math Department; a member of the Hawkins County Schools' Textbook Adoption Committee for Math and Spanish; an attendee of the Tennessee Teacher Leadership Academy; and a mentor for new teachers, especially through her work with the Tennessee Model for Mentoring and New Teacher Induction; and

WHEREAS, she is a valuable member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages, Southern Conference of Language Teachers, Tennessee Foreign Language Teachers Association, and Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Jo Ann Grigsby-Jenkins has earned the respect and admiration of her community through her meritorious service and her dedication to her students while exuding a tireless enthusiasm and a willingness to try new and innovative methods in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, Jo Ann Grigsby-Jenkins 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; and

WHEREAS, Jo Ann Grigsby-Jenkins epitomizes the ideal of 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 on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that that we honor and congratulate Jo Ann Grigsby-Jenkins on her selection as 2010 Teacher of the Year for Volunteer High School, commend her exceptional service to

the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.