

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 837

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Danielle "Nikki" Henderson on her selection as the 2023–2024 Sevier County School System District Teacher of the Year for Grades Pre-K-4.

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, Danielle "Nikki" Henderson is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Henderson has been selected as the 2023–2024 Sevier County School System District Teacher of the Year for Grades Pre-K-4, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Nikki Henderson is a fourth-grade English and language arts (ELA) teacher and ELA teacher ambassador at Sevierville Intermediate School; she 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, prior to her current role at Sevierville Intermediate School, Mrs. Henderson taught first grade at Boyds Creek Elementary and Sevierville Primary schools; she also taught kindergarten, fourth grade, and first grade at Carter Elementary School in Knox County for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with Knox County, Nikki Henderson also served as a certified TEAM evaluator and lead teacher, a new and student teacher mentor, an ELA classroom demonstration teacher for the district, and a kindergarten ELA core coach for the Tennessee Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, a proud native of Sevierville, Nikki Henderson graduated as Valedictorian of the Class of 2004 at Sevier County High School; she has been grateful to return to the same school district that instilled her love for reading and learning; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Henderson 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, Nikki Henderson 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Danielle "Nikki" Henderson on being chosen as the 2023–2024 Sevier County School System District Teacher of the Year for Grades Pre-K-4, 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.