

# State of Tennessee

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 853

By Representative Fitzhugh

and

Senator Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Debra Leake Ward on her selection as the 2014 Teacher of the Year for Lauderdale County Schools.

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, Debra Leake Ward is one such estimable educator, who distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Debra Ward was recently selected as the Lauderdale County Schools 2014 Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Debra Ward received her bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee and a master's degree from Trevecca University; and

WHEREAS, Debra Ward 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, Debra Ward truly 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, her many professional accomplishments aside, Debra Ward is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Jerry G. Ward; and

WHEREAS, Debra Ward truly 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; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Debra Lake Ward on being chosen as the 2014 Teacher of the Year for Lauderdale County Schools, 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.

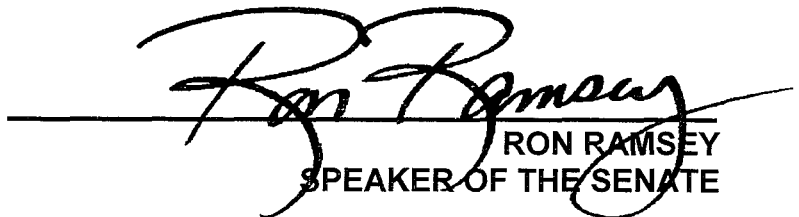
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: April 7, 2014



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR