



# *State of Tennessee*

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 421

**By Senator Stevens**

**and**

**Representative Holt**

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate McKenzie Special School District on being named an Exemplary District.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body pay tribute to those public school districts in Tennessee that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents, have achieved significant milestones; and

WHEREAS, one such school district is McKenzie Special School District, which was recently named an Exemplary District for the second time by Governor Bill Haslam and Education Commissioner Candice McQueen for significantly improving student performance and narrowing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, under Tennessee's approved waiver from the federal No Child Left Behind Act, Exemplary Districts are those school systems that have demonstrated success in raising proficiency levels, narrowing achievement gaps, and guaranteeing growth for all students by meeting targets set by the state in reading, math, and TCAP scores; and

WHEREAS, Director of Schools Lynn Watkins, the faculty, and staff of McKenzie Special School District have built an environment that ensures students have the very best atmosphere for learning; and

WHEREAS, one of only twelve chosen statewide from the 141 public school systems in Tennessee, McKenzie Special School District's selection as an Exemplary District is a tremendous source of pride for the board of education, the administration, the teachers, the students, and the parents of the McKenzie community; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with McKenzie Special School District is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate McKenzie Special School District on being named an Exemplary District, salute the district's board of education, administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents on this prestigious honor, and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in the future.

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

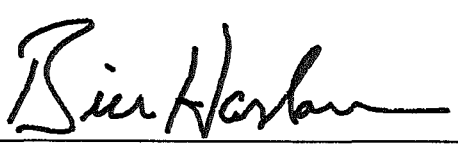
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ADOPTED: January 27, 2016

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR