



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 351

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Principal Susan Kessler of Hunters Lane High School on being named an Outstanding Young Educator of the Year by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding leaders who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Principal Susan Kessler is one such estimable educational administrator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Principal of Hunters Lane High School, Susan Kessler has recently been named as a 2011 Outstanding Young Educator honoree by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) and was honored during a leadership luncheon at the ASCD National Conference in San Francisco in April; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1943, the ASCD is an educational leadership organization dedicated to advancing best practices and policies for the success of each learner and currently has more than 16,000 members in 148 counties with professional educators from all levels and subject areas, including superintendents, supervisors, principals, teachers, professors of education, and school board members; and

WHEREAS, ASCD's Outstanding Young Educator Award Program began in 2002 and recognizes creative and committed teachers and administrators under the age of forty who are making a difference in the lives of children; these young educators are developing and using best practices to ensure all children are healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged; and

WHEREAS, Principal Kessler has worked with Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools for more than fourteen years as a teacher, assistant principal, and executive principal and currently leads and instructs more than 1,700 students at Hunters Lane High School; and

WHEREAS, completing her doctorate at Vanderbilt University in 2000, Susan Kessler had earlier received both her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree there prior to obtaining a Specialist's degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Middle Tennessee State University in 1996; and

WHEREAS, selected as one of the 30 Women of Influence of 2010 by the *Nashville Business Journal*, Susan Kessler also serves as a consultant and has worked with educators across the United States in cooperation with organizations such as the National Staff Development Council; and

WHEREAS, a college faculty member with the University of Phoenix-Nashville for the past eight years, Principal Kessler is also a published author and has reviewed manuscripts for Corwin Press Publishers in California; and

WHEREAS, Principal Kessler is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who has worked assiduously throughout her career in education to motivate her students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Principal Kessler truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues, faculty, staff, and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Susan Kessler epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated administrator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

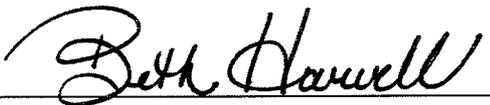
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Principal Susan Kessler of Hunters Lane High School upon being named an Outstanding Young Educator of the Year by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, commend her exceptional service to public education and the students 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: May 19, 2011

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 20th day of May 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR