



SPONSOR: Rep. Jaques on behalf of all Representatives &
Sen. Sokola on behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

COMMENDING WENDY TURNER REPRESENTING THE BRANDYWINE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR BEING
SELECTED AS DELAWARE'S STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2017 AND COMMENDING EACH SCHOOL
DISTRICT'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

1 WHEREAS, nearly 9,287 teachers work each day with approximately 137,217 children who attend 237 Delaware
2 public schools in 19 school districts and Charter Schools; and

3 WHEREAS, teachers strive for excellence in their profession when they know that the community supports them
4 and appreciates their efforts on behalf of our children; and

5 WHEREAS, the Teacher of the Year program identifies building and district representatives who embody the best
6 qualities of all Delaware teachers; and

7 WHEREAS, the Delaware State Teacher of the Year is chosen for possessing a superior ability to inspire and
8 nurture students with a love of learning and for having won the admiration and respect of fellow teachers, school
9 administrators, and the parents of students; and

10 WHEREAS, Wendy Turner of Mount Pleasant Elementary School in the Brandywine School District has been
11 named Delaware State Teacher of the Year for 2017, as part of the National Teacher of the Year program, the oldest and
12 most prestigious award program that focuses public attention on excellence in teaching; and

13 WHEREAS, each of the other eighteen school districts has chosen a 2017 District Teacher of the Year, namely:

14 Appoquinimink School District: Olivia Suchanec

15 Caesar Rodney School District: Melissa Rapp

16 Cape Henlopen School District: Melissa Dawson

17 Capital School District: Michele Johnson

18 Christina School District: Kristin E. Roberts

19 Colonial School District: Sarah Bateman

20 Delmar School District: Kristen Jones

21 Indian River School District: Melissa L. Grise

22 Lake Forest School District: Heather M. Melvin

23 Laurel School District: Erin Brennan

24 Milford School District: Julie A. Hickman
25 New Castle County Vocational Technical School District: Jermaine Anthony Williams
26 POLYTECH School District: Dennis J. Haley
27 Red Clay Consolidated School District: Holly M. Golder
28 Seaford School District: Nikki Bean
29 Smyrna School District: Jennifer L. McCutchan
30 Sussex Technical School District: Vincent James Colombo
31 Woodbridge School District: James R. Weiler
32 Las Americas ASPIRA Academy Charter School: Emily Edmonds-Eveland

33 NOW, THEREFORE:

34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
35 Senate concurring therein, that the Members do hereby commend Wendy Turner for the well-deserved designation as 2017
36 Delaware State Teacher of the Year.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the entire membership of the Delaware General Assembly does hereby extend
38 heartfelt gratitude to Wendy Turner, Delaware State Teacher of the Year, and to each of the fellow District Teachers of the
39 Year for 2017, for their many contributions to the betterment of education in Delaware.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitably prepared copies of this House Concurrent Resolution be presented to
41 Wendy Turner and each of the District Teachers of the Year.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution commends the 2017 Delaware State Teacher of the Year, Wendy Turner, and all of the District Teachers of the Year.