House Resolution

A resolution recognizing Tammy Jerkins as the 2018 Florida Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, Tammy Jerkins is a secondary mathematics teacher at Leesburg High School in Lake County, and
WHEREAS, Tammy Jerkins was born in Leesburg and graduated from Leesburg High School in 1977 as valedictorian of her class, and
WHEREAS, her love of teaching and mathematics inspired her to pursue a career in secondary education, and
WHEREAS, Tammy Jerkins was named Lake County Teacher of the Year in 2017 after teaching in the classroom for 17 years, 13 of which were at Leesburg High School, and
WHEREAS, each year the Department of Education recognizes the Florida Teacher of the Year to celebrate excellence in education and honor a Florida educator whose hard work and dedication has contributed to the success of Florida's students, and
WHEREAS, known to go the extra mile for her students, Tammy Jerkins is devoted to helping all students, checking on them when absent, attending sporting events and performances, arriving early, staying late, tutoring during her lunch hours, and with the support of her church, organizing school supplies and food drives to help children and their families in need, and
WHEREAS, on July 13, 2017, Tammy Jerkins was selected as the 2018 Florida Teacher of the Year for her commitment to her students, leadership in and out of the classroom, and her advancement of student learning, and

WHEREAS, Tammy Jerkins was recognized for her achievements at the Macy's-sponsored gala by Governor Rick Scott, First Lady Ann Scott, and Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart, and

WHEREAS, as the recipient of the 2018 Teacher of the Year award, Tammy Jerkins is serving a one-year term as the Christa McAuliffe Ambassador for Education, representing the Department of Education and teachers across the state, and

WHEREAS, Tammy Jerkins has been a tireless advocate for her students and an active and involved educator, and

WHEREAS, Tammy Jerkins hopes to inspire future generations of teachers through her advocacy efforts, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That Tammy Jerkins is honored for her outstanding achievement as the 2018 Florida Teacher of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Tammy Jerkins as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.