

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 405

Senator Peterson

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Mala Kennard on being named the 2018 Music Educator of the Year.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to Mala Kennard, the music coordinator for Chillicothe City Schools, on receiving the 2018 Music Educator of the Year Award from the Ohio Music Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Receiving the 2018 National Teacher of the Year Award is a fine reflection on Mala Kennard, and it is only fitting that someone with her outstanding talent and perseverance be recognized for the contributions she has made, again and again, to her profession. She has played an important role in the lives of our state's youth, and her work has helped countless individuals discover a passion and understanding for music; and

WHEREAS, Motivated by a deep concern for young people, Mala Kennard has excelled at making music enjoyable for the students in her classroom. A patient and generous individual, she has encouraged many young people to develop their abilities and has instilled within them an appreciation of the importance of music which will benefit them throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Mala Kennard's tenure, she has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to performing her duties and fulfilling her responsibilities with exceptional creativity and the utmost competence. She has earned the well-deserved reputation as an enthusiastic advocate of educational excellence, and she has constructively shaped the lives of numerous young people by helping them to explore their interests and strengths so that they will be prepared to meet the challenges of the future

with confidence and success; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 28
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud 29
Mala Kennard on being named the 2018 Music Educator of the Year 30
and wish her the best in her future endeavors; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 32
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Mala Kennard. 33