

**As Introduced**

**136th General Assembly  
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**S. R. No. 351**

**Senator Gavarone**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Melissa Kowalski as the recipient of the 1  
2026 NSTA Shell Science Teaching Award. 2

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly 3  
of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Melissa Kowalski on being 4  
presented with the 2026 Shell Science Teaching Award by the National 5  
Science Teaching Association; and 6

WHEREAS, Melissa Kowalski is, indeed, worthy of acknowledgement, 7  
for throughout her career in the field of education, she has brought 8  
insight, expertise, and ability to the important work of guiding young 9  
minds. A seventh- to twelfth-grade science teacher with Put-in-Bay 10  
Schools, she has encouraged many youngsters to develop their knowledge 11  
and interests and has instilled within them an appreciation of the 12  
importance of education that will benefit them throughout their lives; 13  
and 14

WHEREAS, Over the years, Melissa Kowalski has not only taught many 15  
students but has also established a solid foundation for succeeding 16  
generations. Her unstinting contributions of time, talent, and 17  
seemingly inexhaustible energy have gained her the esteem of her peers 18  
and the appreciation of everyone with whom she has been associated, 19  
and her work stands as the hallmark of concerned and responsible 20  
citizenship; and 21

WHEREAS, This Shell Science Teaching Award is a justifiable source 22  
of pride and an excellent reflection not only on Melissa Kowalski but 23  
also on her family, her school, and her community. She have striven to 24  
fulfill her myriad goals in a competent and responsible manner, and it 25  
is through the unceasing work of people such as she that Ohio has 26  
gained a reputation as a state whose educators are committed to 27  
upholding the highest standards of quality; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 29  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud Melissa 30  
Kowalski on her national honor and extend best wishes for ongoing 31  
success; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 33  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Melissa Kowalski. 34