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Senator Gavarone

A R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

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

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