

By: Buckley

H.R. No. 12

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, James Cook Jr. of the Killeen Independent School
2 District has been named the 2022 Elementary Teacher of the Year by
3 the Region 12 Education Service Center; and

4 WHEREAS, The winners of these prestigious annual awards are
5 first nominated for consideration by their fellow faculty members,
6 and those who are later chosen as district Teacher of the Year
7 become eligible for the regional honor; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook is in his sixth year with Killeen ISD and
9 currently teaches fifth-grade math at Cedar Valley Elementary; he
10 works to empower students to become free-thinking individuals
11 capable of making informed decisions and to encourage them to
12 become lifelong learners; in addition to traditional lessons, he
13 has developed a unique curriculum teaching math that students can
14 use outside the classroom, including financial literacy,
15 budgeting, borrowing, and contract litigation; he is very
16 supportive of his students and takes the time to attend their
17 sporting events, performances, and church services; and

18 WHEREAS, Before beginning his teaching career, Mr. Cook
19 spent 22 years in the U.S. Army, where he rose to the rank of
20 sergeant and earned the Meritorious Service Medal, Army
21 Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal; he holds a
22 bachelor's degree from Troy University and he earned his master's
23 degree in education in Louisiana; in all his endeavors, he enjoys
24 the love and support of his wife and fellow Killeen ISD teacher,

1 Keina Cook, and their three children; and

2 WHEREAS, James Cook exemplifies the passion, determination,
3 and innovative spirit that are the hallmarks of our best teachers,
4 and he has set a standard of excellence to which all in his
5 profession may aspire; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate James Cook
8 Jr. on his selection as the 2022 Elementary Teacher of the Year by
9 the Region 12 Education Service Center and extend to him sincere
10 best wishes for continued success in his important work; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Cook as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.