

RESOLUTION NO. 20260324-03H

Resolution Honoring Avonlea Derryberry of Ethridge Elementary School for Outstanding Achievement in Tennessee 4-H Public Speaking

Whereas, the Tennessee 4-H Youth Development Program, administered through the University of Tennessee Extension, provides students with opportunities to develop leadership, citizenship, and communication skills through educational programming and competitive events; and

Whereas, public speaking competitions within the 4-H program are designed to strengthen confidence, critical thinking, and the ability to effectively communicate ideas before an audience; and

Whereas, Avonlea Derryberry, a student at Ethridge Elementary School and the daughter of Cody and Lianna Derryberry, has demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication in the area of public speaking; and

Whereas, Avonlea Derryberry earned First Place in her classroom and First Place in the Lawrence County 4-H Public Speaking Competition in the 6th Grade Division, thereby advancing to regional competition; and

Whereas, Avonlea Derryberry placed Second Place in the Southeast-Western Regional 4-H Public Speaking Competition in the 6th Grade Division, which represents the highest level of 4-H public speaking competition available to students prior to the ninth grade; and

Whereas, Avonlea Derryberry's accomplishments build upon an already distinguished record of success, having previously won both the Lawrence County and Southeast-Western Regional 4-H Public Speaking Competitions in the 4th and 5th grade divisions; and

Whereas, her continued success reflects positively upon herself, her family, Ethridge Elementary School, Lawrence County Schools, and the Lawrence County 4-H program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Legislative Body meeting in Regular Session on this 24th day of March 2026 that the Commission hereby congratulates and honors Avonlea Derryberry for her outstanding achievements in Tennessee 4-H public speaking and for representing Ethridge Elementary School and Lawrence County with distinction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission expresses its pride in Avonlea Derryberry for her dedication, discipline, and continued pursuit of excellence, and further recognizes her parents, educators, and the Lawrence County 4-H program for their support and guidance in her accomplishments.

Passed this 24th day of March 2026.

Shane Eaton, Chair
Lawrence County Legislative Body

David A. Morgan, County Executive

ATTEST:

Russ Brewer, County Clerk

SPONSOR: Dave Ray, Phillip Heatherly, and David Morgan