

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 103

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Donna L. Wright of Wilson County Schools on being named the 2016 Superintendent of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those outstanding professionals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable educator is Dr. Donna L. Wright, Director of Schools for Wilson County, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wright was recently selected as the 2016 Superintendent of the Year by the Professional Educators of Tennessee (PET), an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as the Director of Schools for Wilson County, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, throughout her thirty-four year career in education, Dr. Donna Wright has been committed to educating and advocating for students in Tennessee, serving them in various roles from the classroom to the central office; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wright enjoyed a lengthy tenure with the Knox County school system, during which she served as a classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal, and assistant superintendent; before accepting her current position with Wilson County Schools in July 2014, she served as the Assistant Superintendent for Williamson County Schools; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Donna Wright received her Doctorate in Leadership Studies from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and was inducted into the University of Tennessee Educators Hall of Honor in 2015, having been nominated by Dr. Joe Johnson; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Wright has received a number of honors, including the Women of Achievement Award, and has been published in several educational journals. She has also served as an adjunct professor at various institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, Donna Wright shares her many successes with her husband, Gary, their two children, Kelly and Matthew, their grandson, Spencer, and their granddaughter, Reagan; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate administrator, Dr. Wright works assiduously to foster an environment in which students can reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wright is an inspiration to her colleagues, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donna Wright epitomizes the dedicated professional who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized on this auspicious occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dr. Donna L. Wright on being selected as the 2016 Superintendent of the Year by the Professional Educators of Tennessee, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.