

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 278

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Richard Lewis Fisher on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers to provide the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lewis Fisher is one such estimable individual who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a beloved teacher, principal, and superintendent who has had a positive influence on so many young lives, Mr. Fisher will be taking a much deserved retirement this year after forty-two years of meritorious service to the students of Rhea County and the Dayton City School System; and

WHEREAS, Richard Fisher earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1969 from Bryan College and he obtained his master's degree in school administration from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary career, Mr. Fisher taught fifth and sixth grade from 1969 to 1974 and served as principal of Graysville Elementary School from 1976 to 1982; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher served with acumen and alacrity as the Supervisor of Instruction and Title One Director in 1983 for the Rhea County Department of Education, and he provided exemplary guidance as the Superintendent of Dayton City Schools for twenty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher and his wife, Charlotte, serve estimably as tour guides to Washington, D.C., and, after having chaperoned school groups from the Dayton City School System for the last twenty-eight years, this dynamic couple began a tour business over ten years ago to serve students from various schools in the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mr. Fisher came in first runner-up for Educator of the Year in 1970, was named Southeastern District Superintendent of the Year for the 1997-98

school year, and was recognized as the Dayton Chamber of Commerce Business Man of the Year in 2010; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, he is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife of forty-one years, Charlotte Fisher, and his two children, Jeff Fisher and Jill Land; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Richard Fisher is an extremely talented and compassionate professional who has worked assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher, principal, and superintendent who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Richard Lewis Fisher our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we pay tribute to his exemplary career in education.

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