

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 346

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mary Hardy on the occasion of her retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Mary Hardy is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a beloved teacher who has been a positive influence on so many young lives, Mrs. Hardy will be taking a much deserved retirement after thirty years of meritorious service to the children of Memphis as a teacher at Sharpe Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hardy attended Kansas Elementary and Carver High School in Memphis, where she displayed the greatest of talent playing flute in the marching band; and

WHEREAS, while attending Lemoyne Owen College, Mrs. Hardy was employed as a teacher's assistant in November of 1988; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Mrs. Hardy endeavors to serve her fellow citizens through numerous organizations and causes, including Each One Teach One, as a majorette sponsor for Georgia Avenue Elementary and Booker T. Washington High School, and as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hardy is a dedicated and faithful member of Williams Temple C.O.G.I.C., where she devotedly serves as Religious Affiliation Secretary of Sunday School class #4 and as Assistant Secretary of the Deaconess Board; and

WHEREAS, Mary Hardy was happily married for many years to Lawrence Hardy, who has since passed on to his great reward; this couple's blessed union produced four beautiful daughters, Sherhonda, Tara, Dorthea, and Delphia; five precious grandchildren, Marvin, twins Brandon and Bryan, Aramis, and Bianca; and four adorable great-grandchildren, Chelsea, Zakyrhah, Anihya, and Mariah; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hardy is most appreciative of the time she spends with her family, especially at cookouts; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate educator, Mary Hardy has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mary Hardy truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she 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 Mary Hardy our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, as we pay tribute to her 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.