

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 560

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to recognize Karen King on the occasion of her retirement.

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

WHEREAS, one such exceptional individual is Karen King, who, after a distinguished career as an educator, has announced her retirement from the Sevier County School System; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Human Resources, Karen King has served as the Director of Finance for the Sevier County School System under three superintendents; and

WHEREAS, she began her career with the Sevier County School System in November 1975 as a substitute teacher at Sevier County High School prior to joining the administrative staff at the Central Office in May 1976; and

WHEREAS, Ms. King holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in Electronic Data Processing, a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, a Master of Arts degree in Administration, and an Education Specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction; and

WHEREAS, she also holds professional certifications in a number of areas, including County Financial Officer, School Personnel Administrator, Certified Public Administrator, School Business Administrator, Local Government Leadership, and County Officials; and

WHEREAS, utilizing her fiscal expertise and astute leadership, she has rendered sterling service as an instructor on school finance for the Tennessee School Boards Association, as a member of the BEP Review Committee, and as a member of the board of directors of the

Tennessee Association of School Board Officials, the Sevier County Schools Credit Union, and Baptist Hospital; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and admired by her peers, Ms. King is a member of the Association of School Business Officials International, the Tennessee Association of School Business Officials, the Tennessee Association of School Personnel Administrators, the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, and the Metropolitan Area School Systems Association; and

WHEREAS, an active part of her community, Karen King is a member of the Sevierville Rotary Club, Sevier County Adult Literacy Council, Sevier County United Way board of directors, and Tennessee Farm Bureau–Sevierville board of directors; and

WHEREAS, she is a faithful member of First Baptist Church Sevierville, where she has taught Sunday School for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, Ms. King enjoys the love and support of her two sons and their families, John David King and his fiancée, Pepper Bobo, and Thomas King and his wife, Danielle, and her grandchildren, John Caperton King and Charles Thomas King; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career in education, Karen King has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the students, parents, teachers, and school board members of Sevier County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Karen King our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applaud her dedication to the youth of Tennessee, and wish her much happiness and every continued success 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

