

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 983

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A RESOLUTION to honor Osceola "Sonny" Hicks.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize a renowned consultant who works with purpose and commitment to make quality education available to all students; and

WHEREAS, Osceola "Sonny" Hicks has utilized The Work, The Will, The WIN pedagogy to ensure student success as an assistant principal (1986-1993, 2004-2005) and an instructional and learner leader in Tennessee (1993-2004, 2006-2012) and the Forest City School District (2014-2019); and

WHEREAS, through his personal mission statement, Mr. Hicks establishes his commitment to creating a learning environment that produces highly competitive and functional scholars who are capable of filling the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, in his Vision Statement for Exemplary Schools, he envisions a community of learners where teachers challenge all scholars with a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum that integrates academics with career and technological programs of study; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks thus visualizes a culture where instruction and learning are student-centered, engaging, and focused on student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks has developed an effective philosophy of education that is centered on his belief that education serves as the great equalizer and is the key to one's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, after thirty-four years in education, he still firmly believes that "effective leadership is the ability to inspire others to become the very best they can be," and lives that maxim every day of his professional life; and

WHEREAS, like John Dewey, Mr. Hicks understands that "education is life itself," and he is worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Osceola "Sonny" Hicks for his ongoing dedication to providing educational opportunity to all students and wish him all the best in his 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.