

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1091

By Mitchell

A RESOLUTION to recognize Rita Carpenter on the occasion of her retirement.

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

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

WHEREAS, after more than thirty-three years of positively influencing young lives as a classroom music teacher, Ms. Carpenter is taking her much deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Mississippi, Rita Carpenter has taught music at Gower Elementary for Metro Nashville Public Schools for the past twenty-two years, having relocated to Tennessee after her sons decided to attend Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, a talented musician, Rita Carpenter has enjoyed many opportunities to use her music during her lifetime, including winning talent contests, performing in school productions, singing in Concert Singers at Ole Miss, performing in the Miss Mississippi Pageant, accompanying famous singers, leading church choirs and touring groups, and teaching privately; and

WHEREAS, during her career, Rita Carpenter proved to be an extremely talented and compassionate educator who worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Rita Carpenter truly epitomizes 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Rita Carpenter for her many years of dedicated service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our warmest wishes for a happy and enjoyable retirement.

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