

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1169

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to recognize Kay L. Wellons on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Kay Wellons is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for nearly eight years as the principal of Farragut Intermediate School and as an upstanding educator and administrator for twenty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wellons will be taking a much deserved retirement at the end of this current school year; and

WHEREAS, Kay Wellons, who was born and raised in Farragut, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; she also earned a Master of Science degree in Leadership Studies in 1999. She also completed the required coursework to become an education specialist in instructional leadership at Tennessee Technological University in August of 2006; and

WHEREAS, she embarked upon what would become a sterling career in education accepting a position as a third-grade teacher at Copper Ridge Elementary in 1985. She joined the staff of Farragut Intermediate in 1987, and she taught the fourth grade there until December of 2003, when she was named as the school's assistant principal, a position she held for two years before being named as the school's principal in July of 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wellons also rendered sterling service as a summer school teacher at Karns Intermediate in June of 1999 and at Inskip Elementary in July of 2000, and she also served as the summer school principal at West Hills Elementary in July of 2003; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure as an educator and administrator, Kay Wellons has lent her time and expertise to serving the needs of her schools, her students, and her teachers. She has been a contributing writer to the *Tennessee Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals* magazine and served as a member of that august organization between 2002 and 2008, wrote a number of important grant requests, was a member of the Leadership Education Class of 1998, coordinated a number of scholastic events, trained a number of teaching interns, and presented a number of teaching workshops, just few of her many professional contributions; and

WHEREAS, some of Mrs. Wellons's more notable accomplishments as an educational administrator include providing electronic tablets and document cameras for all of Farragut Intermediate's teachers, the painting of numerous murals inside the school, organizing a number of events which encourage parent participation, designating computer lab time for all students, upgrading the technological opportunities for all Farragut Intermediate students, hiring a number of the county's best teachers, including two local Wal-mart Teachers of the Year, one statewide Wal-mart Teacher of the Year, and one Milliken Teacher, and cultivating a number of improvements to the school grounds; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wellons is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including Delta Kappa Gamma, the Knox Area Rescue Mission, Habitat for Humanity, and the Farragut-West Knoxville Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Kay Wellons is a devout member of the Grigsby Chapel United Methodist Church and served as a member of the church's women's group and as a participant in the Sunday Children's Sermons ministry; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wellons exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean. She is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her husband of thirty-three years, David, and their three sons, Daniel Stewart, Dustin Lee, and Douglas David; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Kay Wellons has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and students; 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 extend to Kay L. Wellons our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement 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.