

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1202

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ronald E. Rogers for his outstanding career and extraordinary impact on both teachers and students.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to recognize those outstanding educators in this state whose art, craft, or trade has garnered them national accolades; and

WHEREAS, Farragut High School band director Ronald E. Rogers led his Symphonic Band in performance on February 24, 2010, at the College Band Directors National Convention in Oxford, Mississippi, an honor which was only bestowed upon two high school bands in the nation this year; and

WHEREAS, a native of Corryton, Tennessee, Mr. Rogers displayed a love of music from a young age and, upon graduating from Gibbs High School, he attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he received his formal musical training; and

WHEREAS, after graduating with a degree in Music Education in 1984, Mr. Rogers began his teaching career at Rutledge High School, serving as the Assistant Director; and

WHEREAS, noting his talent and passion for musical instruction, Ronald E. Rogers was appointed Director of Bands at Farragut High School in the fall of 1989; he directs the Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, 300-member Marching Admirals, and oversees all band activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers was honored as Teacher of the Year 1992-1993 for Farragut High School and was a guest clinician for the Tennessee Governor's School for the Performing Arts Wind Ensemble during the summer of 1993; and

WHEREAS, he was also a finalist for the Tennessee Humanities Teacher of the Year in 1996 and was twice the recipient of the National Band Associations' Citation of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers's affiliations include the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association, the Tennessee Music Educator's Association, the Tennessee Bandmaster's Association, the National Band Association, the Music Educator's National Conference, the Knox County Educators' Association, the Tennessee Educator's Association, and the National Educator's Association; he is also an elected member of Phi Beta, and rendered sterling service as the president of the Tennessee chapter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers's bands have represented Knox County Schools in both national and international events, including the Tennessee Music Educator's Convention, the National Band Association's Bi-Annual Convention, the Bands of America National Concert Festival, the Lord Mayors Parade in London, England, the New Years Parade in Paris, France, and the New Years Day Parade in the Netherlands; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his excellence in music education instruction and his leadership abilities, Mr. Rogers served as the Tennessee State Chair of the National Band Association and served two terms as president of the East Tennessee School Band & Orchestra Association, and the Tennessee Secondary Schools Band Directors Association. He currently serves as president-elect of the Tennessee Music Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers remains very active throughout the year as an adjudicator and clinician throughout the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body find it most appropriate to specially recognize this outstanding Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and honor Ronald E. Rogers for his outstanding accomplishments in musical instruction and his years of service in educating, leading, and mentoring students, extending to him our best wishes for continued success and accomplishment.

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