

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1243

By Whitson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Gary B. Anderson on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Gary B. Anderson is one such estimable person who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson has been a highly respected member of the Nolensville community in Williamson County for the past thirty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, his passion for music and arts education led him down the path of community service and toward the Williamson County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Gary B. Anderson was recruited to run for public office by teachers in Williamson County who witnessed his involvement in the PTO, in recreation center programs for children's sports, in school programs as a volunteer music teacher, and in the greater Nolensville community; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1990, Mr. Anderson was elected to serve on the Williamson County Board of Education; he has been a faithful member of the board for thirty years, eleven of which he estimably served as board chairman; and

WHEREAS, Gary B. Anderson's love of public education and passion for educating all students flow from his own personal satisfaction of attending school, of fond memories of being in the band and in clubs and playing sports, and of wanting all children to have those same opportunities and experiences; and

WHEREAS, his belief that public schools are a reflection of the community in which the students live has shaped his decision-making, as he endeavored to put the needs of students first in all the decisions he made as a Williamson County Board of Education member; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Williamson County Schools remained the top pre-kindergarten through twelfth-grade school district in the State of Tennessee, even while the district tripled the number of students served, staff employed, and facilities constructed; and

WHEREAS, yet perhaps Mr. Anderson's finest accomplishment while serving was his securing of music and art teachers for Williamson County elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, Gary B. Anderson and his wife, Joy, have two children who attended Nolensville Elementary School and Page Middle School before graduating from Page High School in 1997 and 2000, respectively, and his grandchildren who live in Williamson County attend Mill Creek Elementary School, Mill Creek Middle School, and Nolensville High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Gary B. Anderson has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of colleagues and a grateful public; 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 commend and congratulate Gary B. Anderson on the occasion of his retirement, extending our deepest appreciation for his thirty years of service as a member of the Williamson County Board of Education and our best wishes for every continued success 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.