

HOUSE RESOLUTION 362

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Felicia Childress Duncan 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 public service; and

WHEREAS, Felicia Childress Duncan is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-two years with Wilson County Schools; and

WHEREAS, this year, Mrs. Duncan will be taking a much-deserved retirement after thirty-four total years as an educator; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Duncan earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee and her Educational Specialist Degree from Middle Tennessee State University; she has also attended Fresno State College, Pepperdine College, and DeAnza College; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, she designed and opened a Home Economics department for Pioneer Junior High School in Porterville, California, and taught Home Economics to seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-graders there; she went on, in 1971, to design and direct the Little Drummer's Pre-School/Kindergarten and Day Care School in Campbell, California; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Mrs. Duncan became Principal of the Easter Seal School for the Handicapped in Nashville; she then served from 1978 to 1979 in Wilson County, teaching gifted students in fifth grade and all the resource students in the sixth grade; and

WHEREAS, she taught third grade at Lakeview Elementary School from 1979 to 1987; in 1988, she moved to the Central Office as the new Coordinator for Drugs, AIDS, Teen Pregnancy Prevention, and Parent Involvement, during which time she also served the State

Department as the Parent Involvement Coordinator for six surrounding counties and as Sub-Coordinator for the county; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Duncan formed the first PTCO at Watertown High School and the first PTSO at Mt. Juliet Junior High, and in 1991 became the K-8 Supervisor; she also served as a K-12 Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, amassing a myriad of worthy accomplishments in her distinguished career, Mrs. Duncan has also designed and implemented the first ESL program, helped design the first state mentoring program for new teachers and trained mentors across the state, and helped get the first elementary school in the district SACS accredited, along with the rest of the elementary schools and, in 2010, the entire district; and

WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious tenure, Mrs. Duncan has also contributed her time and numerous talents to serving as Special Ed Director, Public Relations Director, in which capacity she developed the Public Relations Manual for the district, and Trainer of Test Score Analysis and TVAAS for the State Department; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Duncan is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Tennessee Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (National Organization); Phi Delta Kappa; Tennessee Staff Development Council, for which she served on the Board of Directors; National Staff Development Council; Wilson County Education Association; and Tennessee Education Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, she has achieved Career Ladder Teacher status and Career Ladder Supervisor status; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Duncan is fortunate to share love, respect, and companionship with her husband of forty-five years, Charles "Chuck" Duncan, her children and their spouses, and her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Felicia Duncan has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and students alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Felicia Childress Duncan 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.