

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 301

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dr. Beka L. Horton for her meritorious service to the field of Christian Education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding Tennesseans who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality Christian education for students within and outside of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy leader is Dr. Beka L. Horton, who has rendered fifty-five years of sterling service to the field of Christian education through a lifetime of leadership and constant striving toward academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton and her husband, Dr. Arlin R. Horton, established Pensacola Christian Academy in 1954, in Pensacola, Florida, and founded Pensacola Christian College in 1974; and

WHEREAS, a widely acclaimed institution, Pensacola Christian Academy has an impressive current enrollment of 2,400 students and is the largest Christian school in America; and

WHEREAS, one of the largest Christian higher education centers in America, Pensacola Christian College now has more than 10,000 graduates who are using their education to do the Lord's work across the globe; and

WHEREAS, a pioneer in educational publishing as well, Dr. Horton and her husband serve a large number of families, schools, and churches worldwide through A Beka Book Publications, which provides home school education to more than 40,000 students worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Beka Horton has been instrumental in developing an educational curriculum for Pensacola Christian Academy, Pensacola Christian College, and A Beka Book;

she also uses her abilities to provide editorial direction and oversight for textbooks and materials published by A Beka Book; and

WHEREAS, Beka Horton has authored many of the materials published by A Beka Book, and she has also served as an outstanding and deeply admired Bible teacher to children and women for many years, whether in the classroom, on television, or at women's conferences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Beka Horton is a faithful and active member of Franklin Road Baptist Church in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton is a visionary in the field of Christian education who has devoted much of her professional life to investing in institutions, programs, and individual people, enabling families across the globe to gain access to Christian educational materials; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Beka Horton truly epitomizes the dedicated community leader who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized for her manifold achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Beka L. Horton for fifty-five years of unwavering service to the field of Christian education, thank her for her generous contributions, and extend to her our wishes for every continued success in the future.

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