

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1096

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to recognize Freda Annette Clifton on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding educators who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry to provide the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Freda Annette Clifton of Rock Creek Elementary School is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a highly-regarded teacher who has been a positive influence on so many young lives, Mrs. Clifton will be taking a much deserved retirement this year after thirty years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Freda Annette Clifton attended David Lipscomb University for three years before transferring to the University of Louisville, from which she received her Bachelor of Arts degree; she obtained her Masters of Education degree in Curriculum, Instruction, and Administration Supervision K-8, from Trevecca Nazarene College; and

WHEREAS, teaching at Rock Creek Elementary School for the last twelve years, Mrs. Clifton previously taught for seventeen years at Clark Memorial and spent one year teaching at the University of the South at Sewanee; and

WHEREAS, Freda Annette Clifton is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Mrs. Clifton is involved in the Winchester Lions Club, the Franklin County Library, and the Highland Rim Regional Library; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishment aside, Freda Annette Clifton is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her husband of forty-three years, Mark Farrel Clifton Sr.; their two sons, Mark Farrell Clifton Jr. and Brent Sloane Clifton; and their seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in taking her well-deserved retirement, Mrs. Clifton will have more time to enjoy both her family and her favorite activities, including yoga, butterfly gardening, reading, and community service; and

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

WHEREAS, Freda Annette Clifton truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; 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 extend to Freda Annette Clifton 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.