

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1101

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mary Harmon 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 careers to provide the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mary Harmon of Griffith Elementary School is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a beloved teacher who has been a positive influence on so many young lives, Ms. Harmon will be taking a much deserved retirement this year after more than twenty-eight years of service at Griffith Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mary Harmon holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, currently serving as the Extended Learning teacher, Ms. Harmon began her professional career at Griffith Elementary by teaching first grade and has since taught second grade, kindergarten, and K-1 Lab; and

WHEREAS, respected and admired by her colleagues, she is an active member of the Beta Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, has served on a number of school committees, and was elected "Teacher of the Year" at Griffith Elementary in 2002-03; and

WHEREAS, Mary Harmon 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, active in her community, Mary Harmon has been involved in several community organizations and is presently a Trustee for the Caney Fork Regional Library Board; and

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

WHEREAS, Mary Harmon 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 Mary Harmon 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.