

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1112

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to recognize Charles T. "Tommy" Nipper on the occasion of his 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, Charles T. "Tommy" Nipper, formerly with the Bledsoe County school system, is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself 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, Mr. Nipper took a much deserved retirement in January 2010 after forty years of meritorious service to the children of Bledsoe County; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Nipper earned his Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary career, Mr. Nipper taught Science, Physics, and Principles of Technology and coached middle school girls' basketball and football; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as a Title I Director and Assistant Principal, Mr. Nipper turned in his usual outstanding performance as the Principal of Bledsoe County High School for eleven and one-half years; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, he is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with his wife of thirty-nine years, Linda Tollett Nipper; their children, Meredith Nipper Collins and Matthew Nipper; and their precious grandchildren, Mason Nipper Collins and Mia Gloria Nipper; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nipper plans to further cultivate his interests in cattle farming, quarter horses, traveling, camping, and gardening during the golden years of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Nipper is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

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

WHEREAS, Tommy Nipper 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 he 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 Charles T. "Tommy" Nipper our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we pay tribute to his exemplary career in teaching and educational administration.

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