

SENATE RESOLUTION 176

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Vincent J. Hunter on being named the 2020 Shelby County Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education and learning environments for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vincent J. Hunter is one such estimable individual, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the principal at Whitehaven High School and the executive principal of the Whitehaven Empowerment Zone, Dr. Hunter was recently named the 2020 Shelby County Principal of the Year, a most befitting honor for his tenure as principal, as it recognizes the positive influence he has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunter serves as the primary interface between Whitehaven High School and its parents and students, commonly referred to as stakeholders; he seeks to move through the twenty-first century by positioning his scholars to receive the teachings of their preceptors; and

WHEREAS, an educator for more than twenty-four years, Dr. Vincent Hunter previously served as a mathematics teacher and a principal; he is well-trained and voiced in Jean-Jacques Rousseau's philosophy of education and firmly believes that "Every Child Has Worth and Dignity"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunter also serves as a principal mentor for Shelby County Schools' Urban Education Executive Leadership Program, New Leaders New Schools, and Christian Brothers University; and

WHEREAS, a 1982 graduate of Whitehaven High School, Dr. Hunter holds a bachelor's degree from Memphis State University, a master's degree from the University of Memphis, and a doctoral degree from California Coast University; and

WHEREAS, a member of Parkway Village Church of Christ, Dr. Vincent Hunter is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Tracy, and his children, Vincent Jr., Tyler, and Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vincent Hunter is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who has worked assiduously throughout his career in education to motivate his students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunter truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff in the Whitehaven Empowerment Zone, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunter epitomizes the dedicated principal 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Dr. Vincent J. Hunter upon being named the 2020 Shelby County Principal of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the students and schools of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his 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.