

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 469
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Ms. Minnie Miller, on her selection as the 2001 Distinguished Alumna in Education from East Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Minnie Miller is one such estimable educator and administrator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller was recently selected as the Distinguished Alumna in Education from East Tennessee State University for the Year 2001, an honor befitting her outstanding tenure of 37 years as a teacher and administrator, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, After graduating in 1964 from ETSU, Minnie Miller began her teaching career at Holston High School in Washington County, Virginia. After eight years, she accepted a position in Johnson County where she taught English and Journalism at Johnson County High School before transferring to the Central Office; and

WHEREAS, While at the Central Office, she served as the Director of Curriculum, the Adult Education Supervisor, the Title I, II, and VI Director, the Extended Contract Director, the Supervisor of Instruction, the Director of Budget and Finance, and as Assistant Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, In the Spring of 2000, Ms. Miller was named as the first Director of Schools in Johnson County—the first female to hold the highest administrative position in the county; and

WHEREAS, A trailblazer in many respects, Ms. Minnie Miller has served the people of Johnson County with acumen; she initiated the first GED classes in the local jail, brought the first GED test to Johnson County, and started the first ceremony to recognize academic excellence in sixth, eighth, and twelfth grades in Johnson County; she also co-authored a book entitled *Tennessee Traditional Singers: Tom Ashley, Sam McGee, and Bukka White*; and

WHEREAS, She was appointed in the 1980s by Governor Lamar Alexander to a three-year term on the State Certification Commission, and she was also selected by the Commissioner of Education as one of ten educators in Tennessee to serve on a national task force on rural education; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her many sacrifices and her enthusiastic spirit, all for the love of children and their education, Ms. Miller was honored when she received the 1997 Sequoyah Award for outstanding service in promoting adult literacy and, in 1998, when she was chosen as the Tennessee Administrator of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller is an extremely talented and compassionate educator and administrator who works assiduously to motivate her students and teachers alike to reach their full potential, as educators, scholars, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Miller truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her impressive career in Education, Ms. Miller also serves on the Board of Directors for TOSS (Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents), the Volunteer Advisory Board at Northeast Correctional Center, and the Board of Directors for the Johnson County Champion Community; and

WHEREAS, She is also a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the Johnson County Chamber of Commerce, Positive Thinkers, the Johnson County Economic Planning Committee, and the First Baptist Church in Mountain City; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated educator 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Minnie Miller on being chosen as East Tennessee State University's 2001 Distinguished Alumna in Education, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best 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.