

HOUSE RESOLUTION 348  
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to recognize David Ralston on the occasion of his retirement.

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

WHEREAS, David Ralston is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ralston culminated his illustrious 32-year teaching career in 2001 at Smyrna High School, having previously served with acumen and alacrity at John Colemon and Holloway High Schools; during his illustrious career, he has positively influenced many young lives; and

WHEREAS, this gifted educator was a leader among his peers and also served as the Rutherford Education Association Building Representative; and

WHEREAS, he believes deeply in the immense value of education and earned a Bachelor's degree in business, a Master's degree in Aerospace Education, and an Education Specialist degree in Administration; and

WHEREAS, David Ralston is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ralston truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; he represents all that is good and noble in education; and

WHEREAS, during his retirement, he plans to spend his time selling real estate, playing golf, working on his home, and gardening, and he will spend as much time as possible enjoying the company of his wife and family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ralston treasures the love and companionship he shares with his wife of thirty-three years, Lynn, and he is the proud and devoted father of three children, all of whom are products of the Rutherford County School System; and

WHEREAS, David Ralston 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 on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend David Ralston for his exceptional service to the children of Rutherford County, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success 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.