

SENATE RESOLUTION 73

By Dixon

A RESOLUTION To recognize the professional excellence and contributions of J. C. Williams, Principal of Carver High School.

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

WHEREAS, J. C. Williams is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was recently selected to lead Carver High School as its Principal, a promotion most befitting his outstanding credentials as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, After receiving his Bachelor's Degree from Alabama State University, he began his educational career in 1972; also the holder of a Master's Degree from the University of Memphis, he previously taught and coached at LaRose Elementary School and the old Porter Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, Before coming to Carver, Mr. Williams served with acumen and alacrity as an Assistant Principal at Southwest Career and Technology Center; the wisdom and expertise that he developed there have already served him well in his new position at the helm of Carver High School, which is the home of 870 students and 44 faculty members; and

WHEREAS, An educational innovator, J. C. Williams has brought vision and hope to his new school; he has made it his mission to make Carver a happier school, which has led to higher attendance levels and better test performances; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams believes deeply in the importance of making the educational process enjoyable; he has said that “a happy person is a person who will do a good job”; he also believes it is of the utmost importance for him to praise his teachers on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, This gifted leader has also begun making great strides in increasing parental involvement through such programs as the Parent Teacher Association and the site-based council; and

WHEREAS, Those familiar with Carver have already noticed a sharp turnaround in the school’s direction since J. C. Williams took the reins of leadership; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Osborne Fletcher, a 1961 Carver graduate and President of the school’s Booster Club, said, “I rank Mr. Williams as one of the top principals. In the past few months, I’ve seen things happen to Carver that I’ve never seen happen. It’s like more of a family, everybody’s trying to get along. I see enthusiasm of not only teachers and students but parents”; and

WHEREAS, An extremely talented and compassionate educator, Mr. Williams works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, J. C. Williams 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; and

WHEREAS, His many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Williams is most appreciative of the love, support and companionship he shares with his wife, as he is devoted to the highest level of family values; and

WHEREAS, He 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 he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate J. C. Williams, Principal of Carver High School, for his exceptional service to the youth of Memphis and Shelby County, 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.