

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 957

By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Earnestine Taylor,  
Principal of Southwest Career and Technology  
Center in Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly recognize that there can be no greater influence on a child than that of a good teacher; and

WHEREAS, time spent in the classroom is an investment that will reap great dividends not only for the present, but for future generations as well; and

WHEREAS, Earnestine Taylor has generously shared her skills, compassion, and enthusiasm with the many valued students of Southwest Career and Technology Center as their Principal; under her tireless leadership, students have been encouraged to commit themselves to excellence, academic mastery, and high expectations; and

WHEREAS, by personal example, Earnestine Taylor has set a highly visible standard of citizenship for her students, earning the great respect and admiration of Southwest Career and Technology Center's students, faculty, staff, and parents; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Southwest Career and Technology Center community have many reasons to take pride in their school: Southwest's vocational student organizations produced twenty winners in the 2004 regional and state contests, with one student competing in the nationals; the Instructional Program Adopters are active in advising and supporting their programs; if available, all of Southwest's faculty hold Industrial Certifications, and Southwest is an exuberant learning environment where everybody is somebody; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Career and Technology Center boasts an enrollment of 273 students and promotion rates of 95 percent with an average class size of sixteen; moreover, fully one-hundred percent of the faculty have master's or doctoral degrees, with one-hundred percent having attained their State Teaching Certificate and License; and

WHEREAS, committed to excellence, Southwest Career and Technology Center offers an innovative and effective array of academic programs to help students excel, including the Career Enhancement Program, Future Farmers of America, Family Careers and Consumer Leaders of America, ACT Test Assistance, Newspapers in Education, Health Occupations Student Associations, Skills/USA, National Honor Society, Nails and Hair Styling for Senior Citizens, and Articulation Agreements; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Career and Technology Center has also partnered with corporations, including the Tennessee Valley Authority, Weiss Auto Parts, Radio Shack, Hayes Body Shop, Scotts Foam and Fabrics, Fresh Ideas, Crumpy's, Roadway Express, Tandy Leather, LeBonheur Print Shop, Wal-Mart, and Amos Okrah, M.D., to offer rewards and incentives for students on the academic, attendance, and citizenship honor rolls, as well as offering summer internships and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Principal Earnestine Taylor brings to Southwest Career and Technology Center over thirty-one years of experience in Vocational and Technology programs, and her door is always open for parents and students; and

WHEREAS, in her many years in education and educational administration, Mrs. Earnestine Taylor has, by her commitment, dedication, personal involvement, and enthusiasm for the success of each one of her students, exemplified the very best in teaching excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Earnestine Taylor for her outstanding record as Principal of Southwest Career and Technology Center, and for her many years of dedicated and selfless service to the students under her care as an educator and administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank Earnestine Taylor for her commitment to the education of the youth of her community, her devotion to their best interests, and her many contributions to her community and to this State. We offer her our best wishes for every success in all her future endeavors and much happiness in the years to come.

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