

SENATE RESOLUTION 280

By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jeanie Summers Bingham for meritorious service to the people of Tennessee.

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, Jeanie Summers Bingham is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and morality; and

WHEREAS, a native of the White Oak community and a graduate of Oakdale School, Mrs. Bingham received her bachelor's degree from Tennessee Technological University; afterward, she returned to Oakdale School, where she has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for thirty-seven years, thirty-four of which have been spent as a kindergarten teacher; and

WHEREAS, Jeanie Bingham is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; she has instilled a love for school in her students by making their first year a special time; and

WHEREAS, renowned for her musical ability, particularly her beautiful soprano voice, Mrs. Bingham has been happy to oblige the requests of her students every year to sing at the graduation ceremonies, often performing a memorable rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Wiley Summers and Minnie Norris Summers who instilled in her the value of a good education, Jeanie Bingham truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Bingham is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, children, and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in evidence of her devout religious faith, Jeanie Bingham has been an active member of her church, which she has served as Music Director; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bingham 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 she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Jeanie Summers Bingham for her meritorious service to the people of Tennessee as a teacher at Oakdale School, as we extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

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