

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 190

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to recognize Edward M. Foster on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Edward M. Foster of Ooltewah is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty-one years as a teacher, coach, and principal; and

WHEREAS, from 1968 until 1972, Coach Foster was employed at Mount Juliet Junior High School, where he taught physical education; he was also the head coach of the football team, which won the 1971 league championship, and the boys' basketball team, which won the 1970 league championship; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, he joined the staff of Ooltewah High School, as an American history teacher; he also served as the assistant coach for the varsity boys' basketball team and football team and as the head coach for the freshman boys' basketball team; and

WHEREAS, from 1976 until 1981, Mr. Foster was the head coach of the varsity boys' basketball team, which averaged twenty wins each year under his guidance; and

WHEREAS, in fitting recognition of his 1977-1978 season of twenty wins and only nine losses, Coach Foster was named as the All-Star Coach of the Year by the *Chattanooga News-Free Press*; and

WHEREAS, The *Chattanooga News Free Press* and the *Chattanooga Times* named him as the Coach of the Year after the 1979-1980 season, during which his team compiled a record of twenty-seven wins and only six losses; that same season, the Ooltewah High School basketball team was in the State Tournament final four; and

WHEREAS, from 1981 until 1986, Mr. Foster stood as the Assistant Principal of Ooltewah High School, before moving to East Ridge High School to fill an Associate Principal position there; and

WHEREAS, he remained at East Ridge High School and became its Principal in 1988, a position he filled for ten years until 1998; and

WHEREAS, while standing as Principal of East Ridge, Mr. Foster was also active in the Hamilton County Principals' Association, which he served as Secretary, Vice President, and President; in addition, he gave his time to the Hamilton County Facilities Committee, the Hamilton County Merger Committee, and numerous other reputable committees; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Edward Foster returned to Ooltewah High School, where he assumed the role of Principal; he was named as the 2000 Tennessee Principal of the Year and A.F. Bridges Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association in response to the excellence he delivered in unwavering fashion to the position; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foster is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, and lending support as an elected member of the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association Legislative Council, serving five counties with acumen since his election in 1995. He was elected as the President of this Legislative Council in 2004; and

WHEREAS, from 1988 until 2008, Edward Foster rendered sterling service as a member of the Tennessee Association of Secondary School Principals, standing as the organization's Secretary in 1997, its Vice-President in 1998, and its President in 1999; and

WHEREAS, from 2003 to 2008, he contributed his time and numerous talents to representing seven states as a member of the National Advisory Board of the National Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Foster has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his students, athletes, and colleagues alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Edward M. Foster on the occasion of his

retirement, extending to him our gratitude for his tremendous service to the youth of this great State and our wishes for his every future success and happiness.

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