

HOUSE RESOLUTION 245

By Turner J

A RESOLUTION to recognize Velma H. Whitelo on the occasion of her retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Velma H. Whitelo is one such estimable educator who, having distinguished herself as an exemplary classroom teacher, will enter into a well deserved retirement on May 22, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whitelo has served with acumen and alacrity as a special education teacher with the Memphis City Schools for thirty-eight years, instructing and positively influencing students from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, an organized professional who has always set high expectations for her students, Velma Whitelo has truly served as an inspiration to her colleagues and her students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Whitelo has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her community at large; and

WHEREAS, Velma Whitelo truly epitomizes 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 for her manifold achievements on the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Velma H. Whitelo, commending her exceptional service to the children of Memphis, saluting her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her 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.