

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1207

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION to recognize Walteen Carter Parker on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to shaping the youth of today into the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Walteen Carter Parker is one such estimable educator who, having distinguished herself as an exemplary teacher, is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker served with acumen and alacrity at DeKalb County High School for thirty-eight years, instructing and positively influencing students from all walks of life; she taught senior English language arts classes and visual arts classes, her favorites of which were Modern Literature and the Classics; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as a teacher at DeKalb County High School, Walteen Parker coached cheerleading for twenty-six years, leading the school to four state championships and several national championships, and she was the Fellowship of Christian Athletes faculty sponsor; and

WHEREAS, she was beloved among students and colleagues alike for her mentorship and the "touch of class" she added to all of her endeavors; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Mrs. Parker received recognition as DeKalb County Schools Teacher of the Year, Division Cheer Coach of the Year, and Fox 17 Teacher of the Week; and

WHEREAS, Walteen Parker is an active and important part of her community, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Smithville Study Club, which she serves as president, and the local Imagination Library committee; in addition, she currently serves as chair of the DeKalb County Elections Commission; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, she is grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband, Jack, and their four wonderful children; and

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

WHEREAS, Walteen Parker 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Walteen Carter Parker, commending her exceptional service to the children of DeKalb County, 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.