

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 592

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Dr. Kitty Shanks Pruettt on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to recognize those estimable Tennesseans who have wholly devoted themselves to their fellow citizens during their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Dr. Kitty Shanks Pruettt, who, after four decades of dedicated service as an educator and counselor, is taking her much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pruettt began her career as a counselor and intake counselor for Knox County Juvenile Court; after graduating from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work and Sociology, she completed coursework toward her teacher certification at Delta State University; and

WHEREAS, committed to continuing her education to best serve those under her charge, Dr. Kitty Pruettt earned her master's degree in educational psychology and guidance and her doctorate in educational supervision and administration from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pruettt began her school counseling career in 1984 as a guidance counselor at Gibbs Middle and High School; she remained there until 1989 and returned in 1990. In 1991, she became the school counselor at Holston Middle School, serving in this capacity until 1993; and

WHEREAS, she then served as the assistant principal of Northwest Middle School (1993-1994) and assistant principal of Holston Middle School (1994-2000) before returning to her first love of school counseling; and

WHEREAS, since 2000, she has been a counselor at Gibbs High School, and in 2013, she began working concurrently at Northwest Middle School; during her tenure, she has earned the respect and gratitude of her peers and students for her creative spirit, imagination, and empathetic counseling skills; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pruett is actively involved in her school, having served on her school's Discipline Committee and Climate/Culture Committee and as the School Threat Assessment coordinator; at the district level, she has participated in the Knox County Education Summit, served on Knox County Schools' Middle School Counselors' Leadership Committee, and has been a member of the Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Committee and the Assistant Superintendent's Professional Learning Redesign Committee; and

WHEREAS, a trusted leader in her field, Dr. Kitty Pruett is a member of the Smoky Mountain Counseling Association, which she served as president in 1983 and 2004; the Tennessee School Counselor Association; and the Tennessee Counseling Association, which she served as president in 2010-2011 and as membership chair in 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Pruett was named High School Counselor of the Year in 2008 by the Smoky Mountain Counseling Association; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we commend Dr. Kitty Pruett for her forty years of devoted service in counseling; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Kitty Shanks Pruett 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.