

HOUSE RESOLUTION 229  
By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to honor Margaret Matthews Wilburn on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to help special citizens celebrate milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, 1996 marks the year in which Mrs. Margaret Matthews Wilburn will retire after 35 years of distinguished service with the Memphis City Schools; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished graduate of David T. Howard High School in Atlanta, Georgia, Margaret received her bachelor of science degree in Health and Physical Education from Tennessee State University, graduating in the top third of her class; and

WHEREAS, while at Tennessee State University, Margaret set the "world sprint record"; was a three time All-American in Track and Field; a four-year American Long Jump Champion; the Silver Medal Winner in the 1959 Pan-American Games and a 1956 Olympic Medal winner; and

WHEREAS, inducted into the Tennessee State University Hall of Fame in 1987, Margaret Matthews Wilburn also received the Vanguard Club "Distinguished Achievement Award" in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Margaret holds the unique distinction of having been specially honored during the second day of the Issue Ceremony for the 29¢ Olympic Ring Stamp on April 22, 1991, at USA Olympic Stadium in Millington, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded and respected educator for thirty-five productive years, Margaret has functioned in the following capacities: Teacher, Hamilton High School; Elementary Personnel Specialist, Assistant Principal, Bruce Elementary; Supervisor of Health and Physical Education (North Area); Assistant Principal, Snowden School and Principal of Dunbar Elementary (Orange Mound) since 1991; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of the Memphis City Schools Principal's Association, MCS Administrators Association, Life Member Tennessee State Alumni Association, Diamond Life Pledge - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, member of Kappa Alpha Psi Silhouettes, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Orange Mound Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, married to Jessie Wilburn, they have two sons, Kevin and Barry Wilburn whom they love dearly; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Orange Mound, Margaret encourages her youth to develop mentally, physically and spiritually; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby pause to pay tribute to a great Tennessean on the occasion of her retirement and take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Margaret Matthews Wilburn for being the type of leader whose commitment to excellence inspires and encourages all Americans to follow her legacy.

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

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