

SENATE RESOLUTION 39
By Rice

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Cheryl Richardson, on her selection as Distinguished Classroom Teacher by the Cheatham County Education Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary teachers who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Richardson is one such remarkable person, a voice of integrity in education; and

WHEREAS, each year the Cheatham County Education Association holds a Distinguished Classroom Teacher contest; and

WHEREAS, this year's winner is Cheryl Richardson, an English teacher at Cheatham Central High School; and

WHEREAS, colleagues describe Richardson as having a high energy level; she never procrastinates, stays focused on goals, and has integrity; and

WHEREAS, the "Distinguished Teacher" received her bachelor's degree from David Lipscomb University and has earned 14 credit hours toward a master's degree from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, Richardson has been cheerleading coach, curriculum council representative, sensational school spirit coordinator, coordinator of in-service for substitute teachers, graduation coordinator, co-chair on the SACS Philosophy and Goals committee, chair

of the faculty advisory committee, parking lot patrol coordinator and Back to School Night coordinator at CCHS; and

WHEREAS, she was teacher of the year at Sycamore Junior High in 1986, and was named one of the Outstanding Young American Women in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl has been described as an extremely patient and giving person who motivates her students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, Richardson believes that teachers are not only presenters of subject matter, but they also encourage growth of the soul and the spirit; and

WHEREAS, she is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish her and is tremendously admired by students and fellow teachers alike; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and friend, Cheryl is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service, and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate Cheryl Richardson on being chosen as Distinguished Classroom Teacher by the Cheatham County Education Association, we commend her meritorious service to education, salute her expertise and dedication as an instructor, and wish her all the best 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.