

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 779

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A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Tisha M. Durrah on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those outstanding professionals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education and learning environments for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Dr. Tisha M. Durrah, who, having distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity throughout her career, took her well-deserved retirement as the principal of Craigmont High School in December 2023; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Durrah began her exemplary career as an instructional resource teacher at Colonial Middle School in April 1994; in August of that year, she joined the staff of Georgian Hills Middle School, where she ably served as an instructional resource teacher until June 1999; and

WHEREAS, from August 1999 to June 2006, Dr. Tisha Durrah served as an instructional resource teacher at Frayser Elementary School, and from August 2006 to June 2007, she excelled as an instructional facilitator at A. Maceo Walker Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Durrah was named the assistant principal of Oakhaven High School in August 2007, and she served in that capacity until becoming Oakhaven High School's principal in January 2010; and

WHEREAS, having established a record of excellence at Oakhaven, Dr. Tisha Durrah became the principal of Craigmont High School in August 2015, in which position she continued to demonstrate the utmost professionalism during her eight years leading the school; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Durrah truly served as an inspiration to the faculty and staff at Craigmont High School, and her friendship and counsel have always been highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her numerous professional achievements aside, Dr. Tisha Durrah is most grateful for the love and support she shares with her children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Durrah is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who worked assiduously throughout her career in education to motivate her students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tisha Durrah epitomizes the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized on the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Tisha M. Durrah upon her exceptional service to the students and schools of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her much continued success and happiness during her retirement.

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.