

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1189

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor Lillian Hartgrove upon her outstanding tenure as Chair of the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm as public servants in education; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Hartgrove is passionate about licensure, graduation requirements, CTE, literacy, math, and rural education opportunities, and she is an invaluable asset to the Sixth Congressional District as a member of the State Board of Education (SBE); and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hartgrove served as Chair of the State Board of Education during the COVID-19 pandemic and promptly guided to passage several emergency rules to permit schools and districts to act quickly and responsibly; and

WHEREAS, she has been a valuable member of the SBE's BEP Review Committee, which makes funding recommendations to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hartgrove expertly chaired the SBE's Educator Prep and Licensure Study Committee, which shaped policies regarding teacher licensure assessments; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hartgrove is proud of the many improvements SBE made under her leadership but especially its establishment of a rigorous process for evaluating charter school authorizers, the revision of literacy instruction standards, the solidification of licensure action decision processes, and increased engagement with stakeholders and strengthened relationships with education partners; and

WHEREAS, a woman of purpose and commitment, Mrs. Hartgrove has served as a member of Putnam County School System's Continuous Improvement Planning Committee and

was a panelist for SCORE during its 2023 summer institute session on Rural Pathways To Workforce Readiness; and

WHEREAS, she has received numerous honors in recognition of her dedication and expertise, including the "Friend of TOSS" award in 2020 and the PBS's Makers Award in 2018; and

WHEREAS, since completing her term as Chair, Mrs. Hartgrove has been named Chair Emeritus of SBE in appreciation of her stalwart advocacy for education; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Hartgrove has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and a grateful educational community as well; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Lillian Hartgrove upon her outstanding tenure as Chair of the State Board of Education, commend her ongoing commitment to public service, and thank her for a difficult job well done.

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.