



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 495

By Representative Matlock

and

Senator McNally

A RESOLUTION to recognize Keith Hickey on the occasion of his Retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable public school servant is Dr. Keith Hickey, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity with the Sweetwater City School System; and

WHEREAS, a beloved educator, principal, and director of the Sweetwater City School System, Dr. Hickey, who has positively influenced literally thousands of young lives, is taking a much deserved retirement this year after thirty-three years of meritorious service to the children of Sweetwater; and

WHEREAS, Keith Hickey is esteemed as a leader of singular integrity by all who have come to know him during his illustrious tenure; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Sweetwater community, Dr. Hickey was raised and educated in the Sweetwater school system; and

WHEREAS, Keith Hickey married his childhood sweetheart, Teresa, and the couple's blessed union produced two wonderful twin boys, Cory and Adam; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary career, Dr. Hickey served with acumen and alacrity as a junior high school math teacher and as the principal of Sweetwater Elementary School for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, highly respected among educators and directors across our State, Dr. Keith Hickey has served for twenty years as the director of the Sweetwater City School System; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of community service, Dr. Hickey served as a girls' softball coach, an active participant in the high school booster club, and as a member of the Sweetwater Kiwanis Club; additionally, through his church affiliation, he has held leadership roles on several committees and has worked with the youth; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to providing a quality education for every student who attends Sweetwater City Schools, Keith Hickey has served as a member of the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, the Little Tennessee Valley Educational Cooperative, and the Association of Independent Municipal Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hickey has been the recipient of various prestigious awards, including the Hixon Award in 2008, Regional Superintendent of the Year in 2005, and the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 2011; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career in Sweetwater City Schools, Dr. Hickey has demonstrated the utmost commitment to the education and guidance of Tennessee's young people, and he is a credit to his community and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby extend to Dr. Keith Hickey our heartfelt wishes for a happy and

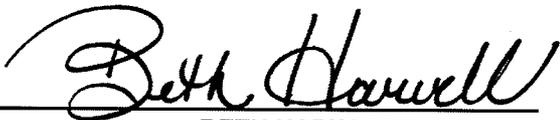
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fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we pay tribute to his service as a beloved educator, administrator, and as Director of Sweetwater City Schools.

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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ADOPTED: MAY 19, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 26th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR