

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 97

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Kenneth W. Oosting on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years in education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth W. Oosting is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twelve years as the President of Williamson Christian College, an institution he founded in December 1996; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oosting will be taking a much deserved retirement on June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth Oosting has been an active and important part of his community and his profession; he has chaired and been a member of the accreditation teams for the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, the Middle States Association, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

WHEREAS, in addition to numerous academic articles, Dr. Oosting has authored *The Christian's Guide to Effective Personal Management* and co-authored *Strategic Planning in Private Higher Education*, and

WHEREAS, in his forty-seven years as an educator and administrator, Dr. Oosting has served as a high school teacher, a community college administrator and president, and a consultant to 140 colleges and universities, helping many Christian institutions of higher learning develop stronger religious missions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oosting has enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife Jackie for over fifty years, and today their family includes four children and twelve grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oosting exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Kenneth Oosting has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Kenneth Oosting our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his 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.