

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 386

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Rebecca S. Sharber on the occasion of her 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 of service; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca S. Sharber is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction approximately twenty years as director of two Tennessee public school systems; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Sharber will be taking a much-deserved retirement on June 30, 2015, from Franklin County Public Schools, where she has served as director since April 2009; and

WHEREAS, she received her bachelor's degree in education from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, in 1972; her master's degree in educational administration from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles in 1974; and her educational doctorate in leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville in 2005; and

WHEREAS, at the helm of Franklin County Public Schools for six years, Director Sharber earned the respect of the members of the school board, teachers, administrators, and students alike during her tenure there; and

WHEREAS, prior to directing Franklin County, Mrs. Sharber served as superintendent of Williamson County Schools on three separate occasions, from September 1988 to August 1996, from May 2000 to July 2001, and from July 2004 to January 2009, and her collective tenure totaled fourteen years. She served as principal of Bethesda Elementary School from July 2001 to July 2004, and for a time served as executive administrative assistant to the commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, in each leadership position, Director Sharber managed daily operations of dynamic and rapidly growing public school systems, and she successfully established and maintained positive environments for teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharber is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including holding leadership in the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, and membership in the Williamson County/Franklin Chamber of Commerce, Williamson County United Way, Franklin Noon Rotary Club, Tennessee Basic Education Program Review Committee, the 1997 Class of the Tennessee Government Executive Institute, 1995 Class of Leadership Brentwood, and Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts board of directors, and for a time, she represented District Twelve on the Williamson County Commission; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Sharber has been recognized for her expertise, having been named as one among the Williamson 25 for being a most influential citizen in 2005, recipient of the 1995 AARP National Women's History Month Award, Lions Club Educator of the Year in 1992, Toastmasters' Communicator of the Year in 1992, and Williamson County Education Association's "Friend of Teachers" in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharber is the wife of Jerry Sharber and the mother and stepmother of Jim Schwab, Spencer Schwab, Philip Schwab, Joseph Schwab, Renee Spiker, Wendy Sharber, Christy Gross, and Beth Sharber; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Sharber exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Sharber has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and the community as a whole; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate Rebecca S. Sharber on the auspicious occasion of her retirement and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for success in all of 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.