

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 393

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Alvin Lee Hord 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 of industry; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Lee Hord is one such estimable person who has served the Blount County School System with distinction for thirty-nine years and who will soon retire from his post as Director of Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hord attended Blount County Schools throughout his youth, graduating from Everett High School in 1965; following his graduation, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in education from Lee College; and

WHEREAS, understanding the value of education, he continued his studies by earning a Master of Science degree and receiving additional hours in guidance from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Alvin Hord was hired by Blount County Schools as an Elementary Guidance Counselor, a position he filled with acumen and alacrity until 1972, when he was promoted to a supervisory role in the Central Office; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate administrator, Mr. Hord held several supervisory positions between 1973 and 2002, including those of Supervisor of Attendance, Transportation, School Counselors, and School Nurses; and

WHEREAS, during his extensive tenure with the Blount County School System, Alvin Hord has served assiduously under the direction of eight Superintendents or Directors of Schools; and

WHEREAS, devoting himself to the betterment of the school system, Mr. Hord became the Director of Schools in 2002; while rendering sterling service in this honorable position, he has participated as a member of the Strength in Diversity Council, the CEO Educators Roundtable, the Blount County Chamber of Commerce Board, and the Blount Education Initiative Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, he is also a highly respected representative of the Blount County School System on the Blount County Education Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Hord is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including Parent Advisory Boards and the Family Resource Center Board of Directors, and lending his leadership and experience as the chair of the Crisis Management Team for Blount County Schools; and

WHEREAS, a community leader of the highest caliber, Mr. Hood has been responsible for developing the school calendar and has chaired many task forces and study groups; and

WHEREAS, an active and innovative Director of Schools, Mr. Hord was instrumental in the planning and funding of three new schools and a number of renovations and upgrades; he was also involved in the development of ninth-grade academics at both high schools, including the academy at William Blount High School; and

WHEREAS, he instituted a system-wide reading initiative which promotes both school- and system-level goals; under his administration, the Blount County School System has added literacy leaders for the kindergarten through eighth-grade levels who support literacy and reading instruction; and

WHEREAS, constantly moving the school system toward these literacy goals, Mr. Hord organized the first system Reading Conference in 2003; the conference has become an annual staple which hosts nationally acclaimed keynote speakers and enjoys the attendance of more than 400 teachers and administrators; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Hord also initiated a Director of Schools Citizenship Award program to recognize students who have made remarkable contributions in the arena of community service; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Hord's astute direction, a pictorial history of Blount County Schools, which is cherished by many, is now located and maintained in the Central Office; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Hord has focused his energy, resources, and attention to the noble precepts of teaching and learning, never pausing in his effort to enhance the quality of education and instruction offered to the students of Blount County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hord exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to his community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Alvin Lee Hord our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, thanking him for his many years of dedicated service to the Blount County School System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.