

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 841

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. James P. McIntyre, Jr.,  
Superintendent of Knox County Schools, on the  
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding school administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual is Dr. James "Jim" P. McIntyre, Jr., who is embarking upon a much-deserved retirement from his position as Superintendent of Knox County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jim McIntyre holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Boston College, a Master of Science degree in Education Administration from Canisius College, a Master of Urban Affairs degree from Boston University, and a Ph.D in Public Policy from the University of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McIntyre has served in education for twenty-five years; he began his illustrious career teaching English, anatomy, and physical education at Vincent Grey Alternative High School in East St. Louis, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, he then served as the chief operating officer of Boston Public Schools, where he was responsible for the daily operations of the school district. He also served as budget director for seven years, and during his tenure, Boston Public Schools was named one of the top performing urban school systems in the nation; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Dr. Jim McIntyre assumed the position of Superintendent of Knox County Schools; during his first year as Superintendent, he facilitated a community-wide

conversation of a vision for the school system that led to a successful five-year strategic plan.

The current plan, *Excellence for Every Child*, was designed and implemented in 2014; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. McIntyre's leadership, many innovative educational initiatives have been implemented, including the L&N STEM Academy magnet high school, a principal preparation program in partnership with the University of Tennessee, and a non-traditional high school, The Dr. Paul L. Kelley Volunteer Academy, in a storefront. The school system's high school graduation rate has increased by nearly ten percent, and it received top marks in achievement from the State; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Dr. McIntyre partnered with former Governor Phil Bredesen to present Tennessee's Race to the Top application to the United States Department of Education. Tennessee was one of only two states in the nation to be selected at that time and received \$501 million for school reform and improvement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jim McIntyre has extended his service to others beyond the classroom and into the community, serving on numerous boards and groups that support education; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Dr. McIntyre was named a Fellow in the Broad Superintendent's Academy and the Pahara-Aspen Education Fellowship. In addition, he was selected as the Tennessee Outstanding Superintendent of the Year four times by the statewide Parent Teacher Association, and in 2013, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers presented to him the prestigious Life Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, his professional achievements aside, Dr. McIntyre is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Michelle, and their two children; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Jim McIntyre has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of students, parents, teachers, and the school board alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby extend to Dr. James P. McIntyre, Jr., our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applaud his dedication to the students of Tennessee, and wish him much happiness 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.