

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 347

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to recognize Michael Kyle on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Michael Kyle, the principal at Wooddale High School, is one such estimable educator, who evinces the greatest probity and excellence in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, after serving the Shelby County School system (Memphis City School system prior to consolidation) with acumen and alacrity for thirty-seven years as a teacher, coach, and principal, Mr. Kyle is taking a much-deserved retirement, having been a positive influence on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Michael Kyle has served as principal of Wooddale High School since 2010, during which time the school has enjoyed great success; and

WHEREAS, he received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Memphis State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Mr. Kyle commenced his teaching career as a science teacher and baseball coach at Geeter Junior High, where he served until 1986; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Kyle served previously as a principal at Ridgeway High School; an assistant principal, interim principal, and permanent principal at Wooddale Middle School for ten years; and a teacher and coach at Ridgeway High School for eight years; he also worked at Westwood High School and at Memphis City Schools Central Office; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to his dedication to excellence, Michael Kyle was named Tennessee Middle School Principal of the Year by the State Department of Education in 2000 and the West Tennessee Association of Middle Schools 2003 Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to coaching accolades, Mr. Kyle received the 2012–2013 A. F. Bridges Principal of the Year Award for the TSSAA Athletic District 9, and he was a two-time Best of Preps Coach of the Year nominee, with a 105–31 softball record; in addition, while he was a coach at Ridgeway High, the school won six city championships; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Michael Kyle has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his faculty, staff, students, and the community at large; 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 extend to Michael Kyle 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.