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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
HONORING CLYDE THOMAS WOODS ON HIS 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**

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**WHEREAS**, Clyde Thomas Woods, a resident of Commerce, Tennessee turned 100 years old on September 18, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the story of his life is a history lesson in itself while teaching the values of hard work, love, commitment, and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, as a baby, after being born in the Smith County Community of Brush Creek, his parents, Lillard and Essie Lee Woods moved across the Wilson County line to Commerce where he continues to reside to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Woods went through the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Grade when school was held in the Richmond United Methodist Church, but, while limited in book education, his education from life experiences is virtually unmatched; and

**WHEREAS**, Clyde Woods began working on a farm at age 5 or 6 behind “a turning plow pulled by two mules”; and

**WHEREAS**, his first job as a youth earned him \$1.00 a week and, by his early twenties, he was earning \$0.75 a day; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of 18, he married his school sweetheart Ellen Francis Bell, age 19, in April 1938 and the two were married for 72 years until her death in 2011 at the age of 92; and

**WHEREAS**, from this blessed union three sons and four daughters were born, leading to four grandchildren and “a whole lot of great grandchildren”; and

**WHEREAS**, after decades of farming, Clyde Woods was employed by the Wilson County Road Commission from 1973 into the 1980s before retiring from public work; and

**WHEREAS**, while retired from public work, Mr. Woods did not retire from life, as he continues to serve as president of the Dowell Richmond Male Chorus, where he has been in that group since he was 71, singing alto in the chorus; and

**WHEREAS**, his Pastor says that he sings every first Sunday and when we go out on Sunday's and Saturdays to sing at other churches; and

**WHEREAS**, he continues to stay active, helping his daughter mow their lawn, watching a lot of television, enjoying eating, reading his Bible everyday and trying to put into practice what he believes the Lord has left him to do and that is "to bless somebody else";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Wilson County, Tennessee that we hereby honor Clyde Thomas Woods of the Commerce Community of Wilson County, Tennessee for reaching the milestone of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and wish for him many more birthdays as he continues to be a role model and inspiration to others.

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**Annette Stafford, Commissioner**  
**Sponsor**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WILSON COUNTY,  
TENNESSEE HONORING DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS DR. DONNA WRIGHT AS THE 2020  
TENNESSEE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR**

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**WHEREAS**, Dr. Donna Wright has served as Director of Schools for Wilson County Schools since 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Wright has been a Public School Educator for nearly 40 years, having served as a teacher, principal, administrator and assistant superintendent before her appointment to the Director of Schools position with Wilson County Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, under her leadership the Wilson County School System has achieved many honors and awards; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, Wilson County was named an Exemplary School District with 12 reward schools and 10 schools with a Level 5 TVAAS Status; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Wright has been selected by the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS) as the 2020 Tennessee Superintendent of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, in making the announcement, TOSS Executive Director Dr. Dale Lynch recognized Dr. Wright as a trailblazer in the field of public education for decades, being recognized in Tennessee and across the country for growing the Women in Leadership Program; and

**WHEREAS**, as Tennessee's nominee for Superintendent of the Year Dr. Wright will be eligible for the National Superintendent of the Year award sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) and will represent the State of Tennessee at the 202 AASA National Conference on Education in San Diego;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Wilson County, Tennessee that we hereby honor and recognize Wilson County Director of Schools Dr. Donna Wright as Tennessee's Selection for 2020 Superintendent of the Year, congratulate her on her years of success as Wilson County Director of Schools and offer our support and encouragement in the American Association of School Administrators selection as National Superintendent of the Year.

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**Commissioner Annette Stafford**  
**Sponsor**