

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DEATH OF GLORIA DARLENE PARKS

- WHEREAS,** the members of the Fayette County Board of Education, with very deep regret, learned of the passing of Gloria Darlene Parks, who had faithfully served the students, staff and families of the Fayette County Public Schools for nearly 20 years at James Lane Allen Elementary, Squires Elementary and most recently as a library media assistant at Cardinal Valley Elementary School, and
- WHEREAS,** with a joyful spirit and genuine warmth and caring, Ms. Parks approached each day as an opportunity to brighten the lives of others and made it her mission to connect with the students, staff and families at Cardinal Valley in a way that left others feeling uplifted, and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Parks was one of those people who never met a stranger and had a gift for knowing what others needed to hear, and as a result, was known to burst into song or prayer, or a mixture of both depending upon the situation, and
- WHEREAS,** with a love for life and her Cardinal Valley family matched only by her love of Pepsi and Reeses, Ms. Parks' would drop everything to help anyone who asked and if she didn't know the answer to a problem would keep searching till she found the solution, only to joke that the fix would cost a Reeses cup, and
- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Parks had a perpetual smile and a kind word for everyone, except perhaps classroom pets, and her coworkers fondly recall how she would pause before entering the room to make sure that the baby chicks or class guinea pig were tucked in their cages and would not leap out to get her, and
- WHEREAS,** a small, kind woman with a heart of gold, Mrs. Parks treated every child in the school like one of her own kids, and
- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Parks had a soulful laugh and a playful demeanor that made everyone feel like they shared an inside joke with her, and
- WHEREAS,** the passing of Mrs. Parks is a distinct loss to not only her family, co-workers, and students who knew and loved her best, but also to the entire Fayette County Public Schools family.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Fayette County Board of Education hereby express their profound feeling of loss and also their deep appreciation for all that Mrs. Parks meant to the school system and the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread on the official minutes of the Board of Education and that a copy thereof be sent to the family of Mrs. Parks.

Recommendation: A motion is in order to:
"adopt the Resolution regarding the death of
Gloria Darlene Parks."