

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

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A RESOLUTION to commend Dean Dickey for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as mayor of the City of Columbia.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dean Dickey is one such person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as mayor of the City of Columbia, Mr. Dickey has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Dickey's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, previously a council member for two years, Mr. Dickey has served the people of Columbia for eight years as mayor; his superlative skills, professional excellence, dedication to hard work, and commitment to quality have earned him the universal respect and admiration of the citizens of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Dickey is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, with an unemployment rate of 3.6 percent, Columbia has flourished during his term as mayor: Ridley Park has expanded to include a new sports complex, and the city hosted the Mid-State Classic college softball tournament; the fire department celebrated its

150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and Firefighter Park at Columbia Fire & Rescue Station No. 1 opened. The fire department was recognized as the first in the State to be awarded an ISO 1 rating from the state's insurance service office; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Campbellsville High School, Dean Dickey honorably served this country in Pusan, Korea, as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dickey was the owner and operator of seven supermarkets in Middle Tennessee for twenty-seven years; he also held management positions in the Tennessee Department of Labor for five years and served as the business services manager at the Maury County Career Center; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished leader, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Tennessee Grocers Association and the Tennessee Grocers Education Foundation, and he served as chair of the Million Dollar Endowment Drive for Columbia State Community College; he has served on the boards of the National Grocers Association, Columbia State Foundation, Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee, South Central Development District, and South Central Human Resource Agency; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-one-year member of American Legion Post 19, Dean Dickey has worked with a number of organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, United Way, American Red Cross, and Kiwanis Club of Columbia; he is a former trustee of Baptist Healing Trust and a past board member of Baptist Hospital; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Mr. Dickey was the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow award from the Breakfast Rotary and the George F. Hixon Fellowship from the Kiwanis Club of Columbia; he was also honored with a scholarship endowment, known as the H. Dean Dickey Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Dean Dickey evinces his devout religious faith as a member of First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Joann, and his children, Debbie Nowlin and Mike Dickey; he is the proud grandfather of Leslie McBroom, Andrew Nowlin, Patrick Nowlin, John Dickey, and Caroline Dickey and the doting great-

grandfather of Sutton McBroom, Crosby Edward McBroom, Oaks Russell Nowlin, and Camden Vernon Nowlin; and

WHEREAS, Dean Dickey is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Dean Dickey for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as mayor of the City of Columbia and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success.

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