

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 38

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dan Brooks on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Dan Brooks, who stepped down from the Rogersville City Board of Education in December of 2008 after twenty-five outstanding years of service; and

WHEREAS, originally appointed to the board in 1983, Mr. Brooks won election to the board after a subsequent change in state law and served as chairman of the board for many years; and

WHEREAS, respected for his business acumen and expertise, Dan Brooks is the retired owner of East Tennessee Iron and Metal; he worked in the education field as a teacher at Greeneville Middle School from 1965-66 and later at Rogersville High School for three years before serving as Transportation Supervisor for the Hawkins County Board of Education for nine years; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to public service, Mr. Brooks is an honored leader in his community, having served two terms as a County Commissioner for Hawkins County and one year as County Executive of Hawkins County; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Rogersville High School, Dan Brooks earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education at East Tennessee State University and obtained his master's degree in Educational Administration from Union College; and

WHEREAS, a champion for quality education, Mr. Brooks has served for twenty years as a member of the East Tennessee State University Foundation Board and is an esteemed member of the Board of Directors at Walters State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Dan Brooks has shared his tremendous talents as a member of the Hawkins County Health Council, the Hawkins County Hospital Board of Advisors, the Wellmont Hawkins County Board of Advisors, the Private Industry Council at Walters State Community College, the East Tennessee State University Pirate Club, and as a charter member of the Leadership Board of Hawkins County; and

WHEREAS, Dan Brooks has established a significant record of leadership and service on the local, state, and national levels throughout his career; his professional experiences reflect a diverse mixture of administration, teaching, and leadership, and his record of civic and public service involvement reflects commitment to his communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Brenda Gilpin Brooks; together they have two children, John Brooks and Melissa Brooks Baird, and two grandchildren, Haley and Grace Baird; and

WHEREAS, this body finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dan Brooks for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dan Brooks 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.