

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 90

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Pastor James Gill upon being named the 2010 Person of the Year by the *Gallatin News Examiner*.

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

WHEREAS, one such exemplary citizen is Pastor James Gill, who was recently named the 2010 Person of the Year by the *Gallatin News Examiner* in homage to his sterling service with the Sumner County Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart servant of the Almighty, Pastor Gill has served with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, using his gifts of teaching and preaching the Word to bring the Lost to Christ as the pastor at the Liberty Baptist Church in Gallatin for over three years; and

WHEREAS, equipped with a deep and abiding faith and a vision to impact his community for Christ, James Gill founded the Sumner County Food Bank in May of 2009 as a ministry of the Liberty Baptist Church and today, under Pastor Gill's estimable leadership, this laudable institution continues to flourish, delivering 23,000 pounds of food to the underprivileged and hungry citizens of Sumner County each month; and

WHEREAS, offering their guests more than a simple handout, Pastor Gill and the gracious volunteers at the Sumner County Food Bank transform lives by communicating God's love and compassion as well as by providing a hot meal, a friendly hug or handshake, and a glimmer of hope to each and every person who walks through the door; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Pastor Gill is fortunate to share the love and companionship of his wife, Barbara, with whom he has enjoyed almost fifty years of marital bliss; he is also the proud father of three and the doting grandfather of eight; and

WHEREAS, James Gill epitomizes the spirit and commitment to the noble precepts of public service that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a religious leader and humble servant of God, Pastor Gill has demonstrated the utmost ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his friends, his family, and the many members of his congregation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Pastor James Gill upon being named the 2010 Person of the Year by the *Gallatin News Examiner*, applaud his meritorious service to Sumner County and the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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