

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 198

By Sparks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Faron Todd on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Faron Todd is one such estimable person, a pillar of the Smyrna community, who recently sold his local upholstery business, thus embarking on a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Rutherford County, Mr. Todd went to the Old Rock School. During high school, he began working at C.B. Arnette's antique store; as soon as the school day was done, he would head over Mr. Arnette's to do lead glass work for the store; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Todd went on to help Mr. Arnette build his antique mall, and, at Mr. Arnette's request, he traveled to Winchester to disassemble a windmill, the largest one in Tennessee. He took it apart bolt by bolt and brought it to the antique mall, where he rebuilt the windmill and painted it red, white, and blue; and

WHEREAS, ever eager to try his hand at something new, Faron Todd went to work at the Woodshed restaurant, where he washed dishes, mopped floors, and learned to cook, proving himself a hardworking and invaluable employee; and

WHEREAS, after his stint in the restaurant industry, Mr. Todd was hired to work for two Smyrna master upholsterers, the Stephens brothers; quick to learn the trade, Mr. Todd progressed from interiors to vinyl tops; and

WHEREAS, when the Stephens brothers passed away years later, Faron Todd began his own upholstery business, providing quality upholstery services to those in Rutherford County for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Todd is a man known throughout his community for his humble, selfless service to others; his kindness, thoughtfulness, and unending generosity inspire everyone he meets to be a better person; and

WHEREAS, though he has retired, Faron Todd will certainly remain a fixture of Smyrna, doing all he can to help his fellow citizens and being a blessing to all who know him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Todd exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Faron Todd has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the love and admiration of his customers and his neighbors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Faron Todd 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.