

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 480

By Sargent

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dan Brooks 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, Dan Brooks is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-four years as a devoted employee of State Farm Insurance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks will be taking a much deserved retirement on June 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a native of Tennessee, Dan Brooks was recruited by retired AFC Ray Thomas to play football at Austin Peay State University; after his graduation from college, Mr. Brooks coached football at Whitwell High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, retired Agency Manager Ron Sellers recruited Dan Brooks to State Farm as the one and only "scratch" agent in Dunlap, Tennessee. Four years later, Mr. Brooks was appointed Agency Manager in Knoxville, where he recruited eighteen current Knoxville area agents; and

WHEREAS, Dan Brooks received another promotion in 1991, when he became the Agency Director in Memphis for the South Central Region. He moved to Monroe, Louisiana, in 1995 after being promoted to Executive Assistant in the Mid-South Region, and, one short year later, Mr. Brooks was named Vice President-Agency; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Dan Brooks was welcomed back to his home state when he assumed Vice President-Agency responsibilities for Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in and lending his support to numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dan Brooks exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he is the loving husband of Freda, father of Kristi Brooks-Erdman, Ashley Brooks, and Daniel Brooks, and grandfather of Tyler and Ella Erdman and Lindsey and Trey Brooks; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Brooks has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; 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 Mr. 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.