

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 511

By Todd

A RESOLUTION to honor the service of church music leader
Wayne Causey.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we honor those who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Causey is one such individual, who is retiring from music ministry at the end of April 2023 after approximately fifty years of service; and

WHEREAS, influenced by his upbringing under the roof of David and Dorothy Causey as a pastor's child, Mr. Causey began worship leadership through children and student choirs, leading music for local youth revivals in and around southern Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Causey earned his Master of Church Music degree with a double major in Church Music and Music Education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and his Bachelor of Music Education degree at Stetson University in Deland, Florida; and

WHEREAS, an adjunct instructor of Church Music at Belmont University School of Music in Nashville, where he serves as Coordinator of Church Music Activities, Mr. Causey teaches undergraduate and graduate classes in church music and supervises student internship assignments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Causey has served as the Associate Pastor for Worship and Music at Forest Hills Baptist Church since 1994, where he has developed and led children, youth, and adult choirs, and taken the Forest Hills Sanctuary Choir to Europe on choral mission trips numerous times, singing in major cities throughout Ukraine, Poland, and Italy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Causey is an experienced choral clinician and adjudicator for numerous choral festivals and music camps with the Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi Baptist State Conventions; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, he was awarded the Paul B. Clark Church Music Award for outstanding contributions to ministry through music by the Tennessee Baptist Church Music Conference; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Causey is a member of the Tennessee Baptist Men's Chorale, serving in various leadership positions, and he participates in the American Choral Directors Association, Chorister's Guild, Music Educator's National Conference, Tennessee Music Education Association, Tennessee Baptist Church Music Conference, and Baptist Church Music Conference; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Causey and his wife, Carrie, have been outstanding ministers, friends, and supporters for thousands of neighbors, colleagues, families, and friends with far-reaching impact; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to honor the exceptional service of Wayne Causey; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the service of Wayne Causey, reflecting on his contributions to church music and his enduring legacy of excellence and service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our appreciation and offer our congratulations to Mr. Causey and to the family, friends, and many people impacted by his life of service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.