

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 717

By Moore

A RESOLUTION to commend Joe E. and Anna Joy West for honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

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

WHEREAS, Joe E. and Anna Joy West are two such estimable people who evince the greatest integrity and probity in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout their exemplary lives, Mr. and Mrs. West have distinguished themselves as public-spirited citizens of the highest order and as exceptional assets to their community; and

WHEREAS, Joe West began his public service with the Tennessee Department of Safety in July of 1956, serving with bravery and dedication as a trooper, sergeant, lieutenant, and then captain with the Highway Patrol and winning the unqualified respect and admiration of his peers in law enforcement and the public alike; he performed his duties with the utmost professionalism and integrity until he retired as a Driver License Regional Manager in August of 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. West have been active members of the Whites Creek Community Club (WCCC) since 1993, working conscientiously to serve the needs of their community through various outreach programs; because of their proven record of public service, Joe West was elected president and Anna Joy West was elected treasurer of the WCCC in 1997, and they both have served ably in their respective positions for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. West also lends his considerable talents to the Davidson County Community Council by serving as its vice president; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2004, Mr. and Mrs. West began a recycling program at the Joelton Middle School which they still maintain 365 days per year on a strictly volunteer basis; the roundtrip being five miles per day, with the couple receiving no compensation for their expenses; and

WHEREAS, under their leadership, the Joelton Middle School recycling program has grown exponentially from four bins in 2004 to eight bins and over 400 tons of recyclable goods in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the monies realized from this recycling project are divided between the Joelton Middle School and WCCC and are used to purchase baseball uniforms, send children to camp, and fund numerous worthy causes, including the Alex Geen Elementary School in Joelton, the WCCC annual Christmas food drive, local families' emergency needs, and the Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs Program; and

WHEREAS, both Mr. and Mrs. West have distinguished themselves as true caretakers of the environment through their involvement with the Davidson County recycling location at Joelton Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Joe and Anna Joy West's remarkable success as public servants and civic leaders is directly attributable to their reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and their uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, their many accomplishments aside, Joe and Anna Joy West are most grateful for the love and support they share with each other; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. West have consistently set a fine example for others to follow, giving true meaning to the term "Tennessee Volunteer," and they should be specially recognized; 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 hereby commend Joe E. and Anna Joy West for their honorable and astute service in bringing recycling to the good people of Tennessee, offer our gratitude on behalf of the many significant and meritorious contributions they have made to this great state, and extend to them 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.