

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 775

By Faison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gay Webb upon receiving the Love Where You Live Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, distinguish themselves as leaders in the preservation and revitalization of our waterways; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy Tennessean is Gay Webb, who recently received the Love Where You Live Award in Memphis as part of the larger Keep Tennessee Beautiful campaign and the kickoff to The Great American Cleanup; and

WHEREAS, Gay Webb has spent nearly thirty years of his life battling to halt the pollution of the Pigeon River and working to keep Cocke County beautiful; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Mr. Webb has provided valuable leadership to several organizations that have taken on the challenge of cleaning up the Pigeon River, including the Dead Pigeon Society, the Appalachian Environmental League, and most recently, Keep Cocke County Beautiful; and

WHEREAS, Gay Webb strongly supports and actively participates in the important activities of Keep Cocke County Beautiful, often playing David to the polluters' Goliath; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb proudly continues his support for a cleaner Cocke County and a pristine, vibrant, and economically viable Pigeon River, despite the many trials, tribulations, and struggles he has faced; and

WHEREAS, a humble and modest gentleman, Mr. Webb doesn't seek the attention that his advocacy brings, but instead quietly works to promote the county and its beautiful ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments and accolades aside, Gay Webb is most grateful for the love, companionship, and support he shares with his son, Mitchell Webb and wife, Sonya; daughter, Susan Webb; and grandchildren Emily and Nathan Webb; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the work of Gay Webb, the Pigeon River is now one of the top whitewater rafting destinations in the region, and he should be applauded for helping to attain this significant environmental improvement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Gay Webb on receiving the Love Where You Live Award from Keep Tennessee Beautiful, thank him for his meritorious service to Cocke County and a cleaner Pigeon River, 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.