

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 803

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Congressman Zach Wamp for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee and the citizens of the United States.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Zach Wamp is one such venerable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Wamp has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good citizens of Tennessee's Third Congressional District, who have evinced their firm belief in Congressman Wamp's abilities as a legislator by electing him to serve as their representative to Congress since 1995; and

WHEREAS, a Chattanooga native, Congressman Wamp served twelve years as a small businessman and commercial real estate broker before being elected to the U.S. Congress in 1994; and

WHEREAS, known as a dynamic and visionary leader, Congressman Wamp offers his energy, tenacity, and executive leadership while promoting practical ideas to solve our nation's complex challenges; his energy and dogged determination have established him as a leader on several issues, including alternative energy, preventative health care, and global security; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Wamp currently serves on the Appropriations Committee, the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee, and as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies; and

WHEREAS, recognized as an influential and respected leader, Congressman Wamp was instrumental in the formation and success of the Tennessee Valley Technology Corridor, a national award-winning economic development organization focused on high-tech research, development, manufacturing, and investment in the Tennessee Valley Corridor; and

WHEREAS, serving with the utmost probity and integrity, Congressman Wamp claims several legislative accomplishments, including combating illicit drug production in Tennessee, keeping Chickamauga Lock open and operational, preserving Moccasin Bend as part of the National Park Service, creating additional sites on the Trail of Tears, advancing science leadership in the region, providing energy tax incentives, and improving education; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long and distinguished career as a public servant, Zach Wamp has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, the citizens of Tennessee, and all Americans, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the time-honored values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Wamp is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Kim, and their two children, Weston and Coty; and

WHEREAS, an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, Zach Wamp epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Wamp is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized upon the completion of his impressive congressional career; 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 Zach Wamp for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as the Congressman of the Third House District and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.