

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 831

By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to commend Gary F. Antrican for his 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 those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Gary F. Antrican is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as President of the Executive Committee of the District Public Defenders Conference, Mr. Antrican distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to this State; and

WHEREAS, Gary F. Antrican was born in Morristown, Tennessee, on November 7, 1949; he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force, and is now retired from the Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Antrican attended Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina, where he was elected student government treasurer and served as a member of the Order of the Tower; in 1975, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State University with a double major in History and Education; and

WHEREAS, Gary F. Antrican graduated from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis and was licensed to practice law in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Antrican began working as an Assistant Public Defender for the 25th Judicial District on September 1, 1987, and was appointed District Public Defender in 1989; as a testament to his estimable abilities, he faced no opposition in four successive elections; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Antrican served as president of the Executive Committee of the District

Public Defenders Conference in 2005 and 2006; as a member of the Executive Committee, he also served as the vice president and secretary-treasurer; and

WHEREAS, respected for his keen insight and professional experience, Gary Antrican also served on a number of other notable committees for the District Public Defenders Conference, was a member of Governor Phil Bredesen's DUI Task Force, served on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and was a member of the Board of Governors for the Tennessee Bar Association in 2005 and 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Antrican also taught as an adjunct professor at Dyersburg State Community College, where he was held in the highest regard by both his colleagues and his students; and

WHEREAS, Gary F. Antrican's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout and Vigil Manor member of the Order of the Arrow, Mr. Antrican served on the Executive Board of the West Tennessee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and in 1990, served as President of the Exchange Club of Covington, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, Gary F. Antrican epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor, as evidenced by his being called upon to play "Taps" at Boy Scouts events and military funerals; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Antrican is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Julia; they are the proud parents of two children, Chris and Rebecca, and grandparents of one grandchild, Jessica; and

WHEREAS, Gary F. Antrican 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 for his exemplary service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE

SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Gary F. Antrican for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as the District Public Defender for the 25th Judicial District of the District Public Defenders Conference 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.