

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 950

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A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Kent Calfee for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Kent Calfee of Kingston is one such distinguished public servant who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Representative Calfee has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic life of Roane and Loudon counties, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Kent Calfee has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 32nd House District, whom he has served as a member of the 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, and 112th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service, Kent Calfee has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, born on May 15, 1949, Representative Calfee attended East Tennessee State University and is a member of the Baptist faith; he retired from Oak Ridge National Laboratories and has been a farmer for many years; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Calfee has rendered sterling service as vice chair of the Joint Education, Health and General Welfare Committee and the House Business and

Utilities Committee and member of the Joint Government Operations Committee, the Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee, the House Commerce Committee, the House Government Operations Committee, the House Local Government Committee, the House Local Committee, the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee, and the Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, he has also served with distinction as a member of the House Business and Utilities Subcommittee, the House Cities and Counties Subcommittee, the House Utilities Subcommittee, the House Judiciary and Government Subcommittee of Joint Government Operations Committee, the House Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee of Joint Government Operations Committee, the House Education Administration and Planning Committee, the House Emergency Orders Committee of the Third Extraordinary Session of the 112th General Assembly, and the House Public Safety Committee of the Second Extraordinary Session of the 111th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to public service, Representative Calfee was elected by his fellow citizens to the Roane County Commission, where he ably served from 1986 to 2006; and

WHEREAS, Kent Calfee has proven that citizens can make a difference by being involved in their community, which he has demonstrated through his participation in the American Legion, Lenoir City Committee of 100, Loudon County Chamber of Commerce, Michael Dunn Center Board of Directors, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition, Roane County Cattlemen's Association, Roane County Chamber of Commerce, Roane County Forestry Association, Rockwood Civitan Club, Tennessee Cattlemen's Association, and Tennessee Farm Bureau, and he is a Life Member of the NRA; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Kent Calfee is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Marilyn, and his four children and seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Representative Kent Calfee has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Representative Kent Calfee 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 tenure in the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Kent Calfee for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 32nd House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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.