

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 954

By Faison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joe Gregory on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Joe Gregory, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, integrity, and joy; and

WHEREAS, after more than forty years of service with WKRN and WTVF, Mr. Gregory will take his well-deserved retirement on July 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a proud resident of Tennessee, born and raised in Giles County, Joe Gregory moved to Rutherford County to attend Middle Tennessee State University, where he worked as a student officer; upon graduation, he briefly left Tennessee for Huntsville, Alabama, but returned two years later after missing Nashville and has remained here for over forty years since; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory is an outstanding individual who has completed an enormous amount of public service through his photojournalism, most notably rescuing a badly burned and disoriented woman and her eighteen-month-old daughter from their fiery apartment home in 1999, for which the General Assembly honored him with a joint resolution; and

WHEREAS, he has covered all sorts of news, from the day an F-14 crashed in Nashville in 1996, to the final day of special session in August 2023, and most recently when he put his body at peril and exhaustion covering the deadly tornadoes in December 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary career, Mr. Gregory has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens he so ably serves; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Joe Gregory our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, offering our deepest gratitude for his distinguished public service as a member of the news media and thanking him and wishing him every continued success in his future endeavors.

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.