

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 976

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to honor Ted Doss on being selected Rhea County Republican of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who work to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens through their involvement in the political process; and

WHEREAS, Ted Doss has proven himself to be an invaluable asset to the Rhea County Republican Party and has recently been honored as Republican of the Year by the county's GOP Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, since his retirement from his lawn care business, Mr. Doss has been a prominent organizing voice in the Rhea County Republican Party and has helped spearhead the party's current project to establish a veterans memorial in Rhea County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Doss possesses an exemplary work ethic that he developed from the good example set by his father and grandfather, and this commitment has served him well during his illustrious career in public service; and

WHEREAS, a fifty-year resident of the City of Graysville, Ted Doss is truly knowledgeable about all aspects of its municipal government; he began his career as the town's dog catcher, was a member of the Parks and Recreation Board, and served three terms on its Board of Commissioners before being elected Mayor in 2010; and

WHEREAS, a man of great love and compassion, Mr. Doss resigned during his third term as Mayor of Graysville to help his wife care for her aging parents, a commitment that required him to move outside the limits of his beloved hometown; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Doss's love for animals led him to volunteer as a founding member of Almost Home Pet Foundation, which has helped find forever homes for hundreds of animals over the years; and

WHEREAS, he has also served on the Rhea County United Way Board; and

WHEREAS, Ted Doss is fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife of thirty-four years, Bonnie Doss, who is Clerk and Master of the Rhea County Chancery Court; and

WHEREAS, Ted Doss is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service and political engagement that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; 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 honor and congratulate Ted Doss on being selected Rhea County Republican of the Year, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, 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.