

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 983

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mike Caylor of the Maryville Fire Department on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Mike Caylor is one such estimable individual, who has served with distinction for thirty-five years as a member of the Maryville Fire Department and will take his much-deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caylor began his service to the citizens of Maryville in 1989 as a firefighter trainee; after being promoted to serve as a firefighter/engineer in 1992, his work ethic and outstanding ability allowed him to rise through the ranks, to fire prevention inspector officer in 1995, fire second lieutenant in 2001, administrative fire captain in 2008, and deputy fire chief in 2018; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure, he led the effort to obtain accreditation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, which holds agencies to strict standards in the areas of administration, planning, goals and objectives, finances, and training; due in large part to Mr. Caylor's efforts, the Maryville Fire Department became one of only five Tennessee fire departments, among 615, to receive accreditation in 2008; and

WHEREAS, he has also helped enhance fire safety in the State of Tennessee through his service on the Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education, serving as an evaluator for the Signal Mountain Fire Department's promotional testing of lieutenants and teaching a hazardous materials in-service for the Alcoa Fire Department, to name but a few of the professional services he has rendered; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caylor's commitment to his community has also been evident through his service on the Blount County Board of Commissioners; first elected to this august body in 2010, he was reelected in 2014, 2018, and 2022; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Blount County Board of Commissioners, he has served on the Allocation of Space Committee, E-911 Board, Education Committee, Planning Commission, Blount Corrections Partnership, Ad Hoc Committee to Study Recycling, Emergency Communications, Ad Hoc Committee to Study Requirements of the Open Records Counsel, Ad Hoc Committee to Study Commission Rules, Agenda/Workshop Committee, Purchasing Commission, Budget Committee, and Emergency Medical Services Board; and

WHEREAS, often duly honored for his professional excellence, Mike Caylor was named Tennessee's Public Fire Educator of the Year in 1995 by the Department of Commerce and Insurance's Division of Fire Prevention; he was honored by the Red Cross for animal rescue in 2010, and he was named Firefighter of the Month in October 2014 and 2014 Firefighter of the Year by the Maryville Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, stories of his heroism abound, from helping those stranded on the roadside to making special arrangements for those with disabilities so that they could enjoy local concerts during the Foothills Fall Festival; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service, Mike Caylor has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of his fellow firefighters and the residents of Maryville; 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 Mike Caylor of the Maryville Fire Department our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and 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.