

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1096

By Sexton

A RESOLUTION to honor District Attorney General Randall A. York on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those public servants who have performed with uncommon devotion and probity throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Randall A. York is one such estimable citizen who has served with distinction as District Attorney General for the 13th Judicial District of Tennessee, which is composed of Putnam, Cumberland, Clay, Pickett, DeKalb, White, and Overton Counties; and

WHEREAS, Randall York was appointed District Attorney General for the 13th Judicial District on September 24, 2008, by Governor Phil Bredesen; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, General York was elected to serve the remainder of the term of office, which expires in 2014, and he is not seeking re-election; and

WHEREAS, since becoming District Attorney General, he has served on the Tennessee Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee and the Executive Committee of the District Attorneys General Conference; he currently sits on the Board of Governors of the Tennessee Bar Association, through which he has been involved in developing a statewide mentoring program for young lawyers; and

WHEREAS, General York has been honored with various civic awards; most recently, he was awarded the "Every Day Hero" award by the Child Advocacy Center and was named "Champion for Children" by the Tennessee Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association for his important work in protecting our children; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, this dynamic public servant has served as a member and president of the Cumberland County Bar Association and as a member of the Tennessee Association for Justice, the Upper Cumberland Trial Lawyers, the Tennessee

Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys; and

WHEREAS, General York is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, from which he received a bachelor's degree in political science in 1978; he then attended the Nashville School of Law and graduated with a Doctorate of Jurisprudence in 1982; and

WHEREAS, he was engaged in the private practice of law from 1982-2008; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and personal accomplishments aside, General York is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Judy, and their children, John, who is a physician in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Anna, who is currently attending law school; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, General Randall York has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of members of the bench and the bar and a grateful public; 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 honor and commend District Attorney General Randall A. York on his exemplary service to the 13th Judicial District, applaud his dedicated service to the good people of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future 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.