

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dan E. Pomeroy 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 years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Dan E. Pomeroy is one such estimable person, who distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity throughout his nearly forty-five-year career with the Tennessee State Museum; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pomeroy took his much-deserved retirement as Director of Collections and Chief Curator of the Tennessee State Museum in 2021, having served in that position since 1989; and

WHEREAS, a 1968 graduate of The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, Dan Pomeroy received a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Arts in College Teaching in History degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1969 and 1972, respectively; he also completed coursework toward a Doctor of Philosophy degree in U.S. Southern History from the university; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pomeroy served as Deputy Director of the Tennessee American Revolution Bicentennial Commission from 1974 to 1977 and began his esteemed career with the Tennessee State Museum in 1977 as a researcher; and

WHEREAS, after serving as Chief Researcher from 1980 to 1984, Dan Pomeroy was named Director of Development of the Tennessee State Museum in 1984, in which capacity he established a successful fundraising program and secured both public and private grants for the museum; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pomeroy became Director of Collections and Chief Curator of the Tennessee State Museum in 1989; his responsibilities included, in part, overseeing collections

management and curatorial work at the museum, as well as the documentation, care, insurance, legal issues, and disposition of the museum's collection and objects loaned to the museum; and

WHEREAS, he also supervised or conducted the negotiation of donations, purchase of artifacts, and object deaccessioning, and worked with scholars, students, and interns; during his tenure, the Tennessee State Museum achieved accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums in 2004 and secured reaccreditation in 2020; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his profession, Dan Pomeroy has served as president of Tennessee Association of Museums, on the board of advisors of the Tennessee National Civil War Heritage Area, as president and board member of the Tennessee Historical Society, as a member of the American Alliance of Museums and the American Association for State and Local History, and as a board member of the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission; he is also a prolific author and editor of numerous scholarly articles on art and history; and

WHEREAS, Dan Pomeroy exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Pomeroy demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens he so ably served; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Dan E. Pomeroy our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, offering our deepest gratitude for his distinguished service with the Tennessee State Museum 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.