

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 123

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to recognize Kevin Walden on the occasion of his retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Kevin Walden is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction for nearly seventeen years as the Campbell County Director of Veterans Affairs, from which position he is taking his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout Mr. Walden's tenure, the Campbell County Veterans Affairs office maintained record-breaking results in aiding local veterans; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Reverend Jerome and Charlene Walden, Kevin Walden was born in 1966 in Cleveland, Ohio; he moved to Jellico with his family in 1974, and in 1984, he graduated from Jellico High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walden has devoted nearly forty years of service to his country and community, having also served with the United States Air Force for twenty years, during which time he received a degree in environmental medicine from the Community College of the Air Force; he retired from the military Public Health Department in 2005; and

WHEREAS, aside from his many professional accomplishments, he is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Kim, and their daughter, Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Mr. Walden also served as the youth pastor at the LaFollette Church of God; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Kevin Walden has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; 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 Kevin Walden 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.