

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 544

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Clarence B. Williams upon his receipt of the 2023 Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in paying tribute to those leaders who strengthen their communities through active public service; and

WHEREAS, one such remarkable individual is Clarence B. Williams, who has been named the recipient of Leadership Blount's 2023 Community Leadership Award, which recognizes individuals whose sustained actions and leadership reflect the commitment to lifelong service that is promoted by Leadership Blount; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed professional, Mr. Williams has earned the respect and admiration of his community and peers through his service and leadership throughout Blount County; and

WHEREAS, Clarence B. Williams is a graduate of Charles M. Hall High School, Morristown College, and the University of Tennessee; he completed additional training and leadership development at the University of Michigan, Harvard University, Justice Center of Atlanta, and Center for Creative Leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams began his estimable professional career as a summer intern at Union Carbide, where he served from 1968 to 1971; and

WHEREAS, from 1972 to 1980, he held the titles of Facility Compliance Officer with the Atomic Energy Commission; Facility Compliance Officer with the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration; Senior Compliance Officer, Acting Branch Chief, and Acting Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Energy; and Supervisor and Acting Director with the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Clarence B. Williams became a supervisor in the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance Office in 1980 and served in that

capacity until 1991, when he was appointed to the position of Director of Equal Opportunity Compliance by the TVA's board of directors; and

WHEREAS, after twenty-five years of dedicated service to the TVA, Mr. Williams took his well-deserved retirement from the agency in 2005; and

WHEREAS, his extensive civic and professional engagement includes service on the Office of Administrative Conferences of the United States Task Force, Child and Family Services of Tennessee Board of Directors, Alcoa High School Improvement Team, and University of Tennessee Frank McClung Museum Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, he currently serves as president of the board of directors for Blount County Habitat for Humanity, chairman of the City of Alcoa Regional Planning Commission, member of the Advisory Board for First Horizon Bank in Blount County, member of the board of directors of Blount Memorial Hospital, and executive director and board member of the Richard Williams, Jr., Leadership Development Academy; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Clarence B. Williams is the recipient of the Wiggins Award from Morristown College, Outstanding Performance Award from the U.S. Department of Energy, Tribute to Fatherhood Award from the Beta Theta Boulé Foundation, MLK Anthony Dunning Community Service Award from the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration Committee, Legacy of Excellence Award from the Alcoa City Schools Foundation, and Award for Dedication and Committed Service to the Blount County Community from Men in Christ; he has also received recognition for contributions to the 1998 Deming Award from TVA University, as well as recognition for best practices among federal agencies for efficiency and the neutral manner in which the Equal Opportunity complaint/processing program was being operated at TVA from the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and

WHEREAS, wholly dedicated to serving the needs of his community, Mr. Williams mentors, negotiates with youth, and promotes academic excellence through performance incentive awards to students; promotes leadership development of youth through the Richard Williams, Jr., Leadership Development Academy; provides holiday gift baskets and other

support to senior citizens; and supports various charitable organizations such as United Way, Blount Memorial Hospital Foundation, and the Richard Williams, Jr., Leadership Development Academy; and

WHEREAS, Clarence B. Williams's dedicated service and leadership helps to ensure the growth and prosperity of the State of Tennessee and its communities, and he should be honored on this special occasion; 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 hereby honor and congratulate Clarence B. Williams upon his receipt of the 2023 Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount, salute his outstanding record of public service, and wish him all the best 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.