

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 747

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Tim Wright on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Tim Wright, the Tennessee Regional President for the Auto Club Group, who is embarking upon a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Tim Wright has represented AAA members and the motoring public in Tennessee throughout a legendary career spanning more than forty-one years, both as President and CEO of AAA East Tennessee and currently as Tennessee Regional President for The Auto Club Group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wright's entire career has been dedicated to making transportation improvements and traffic safety advocacy a top priority; and

WHEREAS, Tim Wright has worked tirelessly to improve traffic safety laws in Tennessee, including issues such as graduated driver licensing, primary safety belt enforcement, booster seat usage, no texting while driving, tougher DUI laws, and preservation of the motorcycle helmet law; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Drug Commission of Knoxville recognized Mr. Wright for his leadership and advocacy efforts in preventing DUIs and underage drinking by awarding him with the John W. Gill, Jr. Substance Abuse Prevention Advocacy Award in appreciation for his decades-long partnership with the Metropolitan Drug Commission, including DUI prevention projects such as Tow-To-Go and AAA PROMise; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wright has enabled AAA's continued, active participation in the AAA School Safety Patrol Program and organized educational trips to Washington, D.C., for more than 75,000 Tennessee AAA School Safety Patrollers for almost six decades, providing thousands of Tennessee schoolchildren with their first experience in our nation's capital, with 2016 being the sixtieth anniversary of this memorable annual event; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wright, along with Donald Lindsey, have demonstrated leadership and service to the State of Tennessee in numerous ways over the years, including participating in state-sponsored initiatives and committees such as the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Long Range Transportation Plan and Tennessee's Strategic Highway Safety Plan to help make Tennessee's roadways safer for all users; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wright has long been a fixture at the General Assembly, passionately advocating for highway safety and better roads, and keeping legislators advised of Tennessee's progress in the safety arena by virtue of the "State of Safety" Presentation, presented annually to the Senate and House Transportation Committees of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Tim Wright for his tireless work that has saved hundreds of lives and prevented thousands of injuries in traffic crashes, mentored and rewarded thousands of youngsters to become future leaders, and improved the quality of life for all Tennesseans. We congratulate Tim Wright on his upcoming retirement and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for 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.