

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 781

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dennis Huffer 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 public service; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Huffer is one such estimable person who recently ended his remarkable thirty-three year tenure with the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) by taking a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Moore County High School, Mr. Huffer earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Middle Tennessee State University and his Doctor of Juris Prudence from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1976; and

WHEREAS, admitted to the Tennessee Bar in 1976, Dennis Huffer began his illustrious tenure with the legal aspects of local government in 1977 as an employee of the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS); and

WHEREAS, shifting over to the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS), Mr. Huffer quickly won the respect and admiration of his peers and the numerous municipal officials he assisted in his capacity as a municipal ordinance legal consultant; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Dennis Huffer left MTAS when he was named Director of Legal Services for the Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool, but returned to MTAS in 2001 as a legal consultant in the Nashville office in 2001; and

WHEREAS, a renowned authority in his field, Mr. Huffer has authored numerous MTAS publications and definitive resource materials that have been utilized by consultants and cities across Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Huffer has also written many articles for *Tennessee Town & City*, providing his readers with clear and concise information and insight that unraveled the complexities of confusing municipal issues of the day; and

WHEREAS, a deft hand at interpreting the actions and activities of the Tennessee General Assembly, Dennis Huffer's keen perception has been heavily relied upon by many municipal officials to guide their actions to either oppose or support pending legislation; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Huffer is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Tennessee Municipal Attorney's Association, which he serves as Executive Director, and the non-profit organization, The Rochelle Center Foundation, which he serves as treasurer; and

WHEREAS, although retired from full-time work, Mr. Huffer will work part-time for the Greater Nashville Regional Council, may publish a newsletter, and will be available for consulting or work as a city attorney; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Huffer also undoubtedly looks forward to spending more time with his wife of thirty-four years, Patty, and traveling to visit their godchildren in California; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Huffer has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and countless numbers of municipal officials and employees across the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Dennis Huffer our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we pay tribute to his exemplary thirty-three year tenure with the Municipal Technical Assistance Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.