

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 895

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Derrick Woods on being named AHERN's Professional of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have excelled in their field and serve as an example of the sort of aptitude and alacrity to which we should all aspire; and

WHEREAS, Derrick Woods of Parrottsville is one such exemplary person, who was recently named the AHERN DAPS Awards Professional of the Year, a much-deserved honor for this exemplary public servant; and

WHEREAS, the AHERN Distinguished African American Profession and Student (DAPS) Awards recognize those remarkable African-American professionals who have performed with incredible aptitude throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woods currently serves as Chief Deputy to the Cocke County Sheriff; he has served in law enforcement for thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the Walters State Community College (WSCC) Police Academy, Derrick Woods earned two associate degrees, one in criminal justice and the other in public safety/law enforcement, from WSCC and completed a bachelor's degree in business/law enforcement from Liberty University; he is a graduate of the University of Tennessee National Management Forensics Academy; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Woods devotes his time and energy to numerous organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club, Feed My Sheep, and Parrottsville Ruritan Club, and serves as Vice President of the Tennessee Picnic Association; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout faith as a member of New Zion AME Zion Church, which he has served faithfully for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, his stellar career aside, he is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Tessa Manuel Woods, and their two children, Makayla (Ethan) Barrett and Jordan Woods; and

WHEREAS, Derrick Woods is a model citizen; his commitment to excellence epitomizes the spirit of this great State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Derrick Woods on being named the AHERN DAPS Awards Professional of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success.

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.