

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1524

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Gary Farley on the occasion of his retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Gary Farley is one such estimable individual, who recently took his much-deserved retirement as assistant commissioner of Fire Prevention after rendering thirteen years of dedicated service as an employee of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farley came on board with the State in 2011 as director of the Fire Prevention Division's Electrical, Residential, and Marina Inspections Section, overseeing the successful launch and completion of the State's first public marina inspection program; and

WHEREAS, a 1976 graduate of Oakland High School and longtime resident of Murfreesboro, Mr. Farley began his career as a firefighter for the City of Murfreesboro in 1984; in 1994, he was promoted to assistant fire chief for the city's Fire Rescue Department, and in 1998, he was promoted once again, this time to serve as operations chief; and

WHEREAS, from 2018 until his recent retirement, Mr. Farley served as assistant commissioner, in which capacity he managed the day-to-day operations of the Fire Prevention Division's eight sections, including the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office, the Tennessee Fire Service & Codes Enforcement Academy, Codes Enforcement, and the Tennessee Firefighting Commission; and

WHEREAS, his service to his community also includes serving as a Rutherford County Commissioner from 1994 to 2014 and as a member of the Rutherford County Planning Commission from 2006 to 2010; he currently serves on the Rutherford County Board of Zoning Appeals; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Farley is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Deborah, and their children and grandchildren; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service, Mr. Farley has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of the residents of Rutherford County and this State; 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 Gary Farley 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.