

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1669

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Bill Kemp, Sumner County Clerk, on the occasion of his retirement.

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

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Bill Kemp, who, having admirably served the citizens of Sumner County as County Clerk since 1990, recently announced his intention to retire; and

WHEREAS, a Gallatin native, Bill Kemp began his estimable career in Sumner County Government as Assistant County Clerk in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp has seen more than a few changes over the course of his thirty-six-year tenure in the Sumner County Clerk's office; he notes that there were no computers when he first came to work, only typewriters, which meant that it could take weeks or even months for a car title to be processed, for example; and

WHEREAS, Bill Kemp managed a staff of seventeen employees in 1990; since that time, his staff has grown to twenty-five full-time and several part-time employees, a number that belies the fact of Sumner County's population doubling over that time period, along with the number of transactions his office performs; and

WHEREAS, one of Mr. Kemp's proudest achievements in office is his work to increase awareness of organ donation, which he helped initiate with the establishment of the nonprofit Tennessee County Clerks Organ Donor Awareness Foundation; he also currently serves as chairman of the Tennessee Donor Service Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated member of his profession, Bill Kemp has served as president of the County Clerks Association and president of the County Officials Association; and

WHEREAS, he is no stranger to accolades, having been named Outstanding County Clerk a remarkable four times during his tenure, as well as being honored as Outstanding County Official by the County Officials Association of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure as Sumner County Clerk, Mr. Kemp has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the people he has so ably served; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Sumner County Clerk Bill Kemp 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.