



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1013

By Representatives Dale Carr, Farmer

and

Senators Overbey and Southerland

A RESOLUTION to commend Commissioner Jimmie Temple for his honorable and astute service to the people of Sevier County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, among the longest serving commissioners in Tennessee, Commissioner Jimmie Temple of Sevier County is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a former mayor of Sevierville and one of Sevier County's most visible leaders, Commissioner Jimmie Temple was first elected to the Sevier County Commission in 1966, running on a platform that focused on bringing a full-service hospital to the area; and

WHEREAS, one of his proudest accomplishments, Commissioner Jimmie Temple succeeded in landing a full-service hospital for Sevier County and also helped oversee the addition of a minor league baseball stadium in the county and the construction of an airport; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Commissioner Temple played a major role in the development of new industrial parks, the paving of country roads, and getting accreditation for the schools; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jimmie Temple also enjoyed the privilege of being a justice of the peace and performed upwards of 25,000 wedding ceremonies over the years, becoming famous for providing the service for free; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a member of the Sevier County Commission, Jimmie Temple distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Temple's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Temple is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Temple is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jimmie Temple for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Sevier County as a member of the Sevier County Commission and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.


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

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ADOPTED: April 15, 2014



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 2nd day of May 2014


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR