



# State of Tennessee

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1080

**By Representative Coley**

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Paul C. Peterson for his professional achievements as an educator.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes pride in honoring those esteemed individuals who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul C. Peterson is one such noteworthy person, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a renowned professor of political theory, American government, and public administration, Dr. Peterson's illustrious academic career encompasses some fifty years of expertise; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Peterson received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Brigham Young University in 1968 and his Master of Arts degree from the University of California, Riverside, in 1969; he completed his dissertation, *The Political Science of The Federalist*, and received his Ph.D. at Claremont Graduate School in 1980; and

WHEREAS, currently serving as an adjunct professor at Brigham Young University, Salt Lake Center, Dr. Peterson was named Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Coastal Carolina University in 2016, having served the university as a professor in the Department of Politics from 1990 to 2015; during the summer of 1998, he was also a visiting professor at Brigham Young University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Peterson began his professional career in 1971 as a member of the research staff at Claremont Urban Research Center and as an adjunct instructor in the Department of Political Science at California State University at Los Angeles; from 1973 to 1977, he taught in the Department of Political Science at Memphis State University, and, from 1977 to 1979, he held the position of assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at Illinois State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, he accepted the position of assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at Northern Illinois University, where he served until 1982; that same year, he became an associate professor in the Department of Government and International Studies at the University of South Carolina, Coastal Carolina College; he received tenure in 1985 and continued as an instructor at the university until 1990; and

WHEREAS, from 1985 to 1986, Dr. Peterson held the position of program officer for the National Endowment for the Humanities, and from 1986 to 1987, he was a visiting professor and deputy director of The John M. Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs at Ashland College in Ashland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, an active and dynamic member of his profession, Dr. Paul Peterson served three terms as an elected member of the Horry County (South Carolina) Board of Education, District 5, from 2000 to 2012; he served as a member of the South Carolina Department of Education Committee that reviewed social studies standards for South Carolina Public Schools in 2004, and was a member of the board of directors of the South Carolina Humanities Council from 1989 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, called upon for his singular skills and exemplary character, Dr. Peterson's extensive professional service includes his positions as president of the South Carolina Political Science Association from 1999 to 2000; program chair of the 1999 annual meeting of the South Carolina Political Science Association; member of the executive board of the South Carolina Political Science Association from 1997 to 2001; member of the board of advisers of the Center

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for the Study of the Constitution from 1982 to 1987; and member of the review panel evaluating applications for graduate fellowships for the U.S. Department of Education in 1986, among numerous other positions; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, this devoted professional is the recipient of numerous honors, including Outstanding Professor, Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Coastal Carolina University (2005); Coastal Carolina University nominee for the Governor's Award for Outstanding College Teacher in South Carolina (2004); Student Government Association Distinguished Teacher of the Year, Coastal Carolina University (2004); recipient of the 1990 Research Fellowship Grant, Earhart Foundation; and the 1989 Chancellor's Summer Productivity and Scholarship Award from Coastal Carolina College, to name but a few; and

WHEREAS, a widely published author of numerous scholarly journal articles and reviews and a prolific conference panelist and presenter, Dr. Peterson's expertise and dedication were well utilized at Coastal Carolina University, where he served as a member of the editorial board of *Bridges*, an interdisciplinary journal of student research; member of the peer review committee at the university's Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts from 2014 to 2016; chairman of the American Politics Search Committee in the school's Department of Politics from 2009 to 2010 and 2012 to 2013; and as a member of the Faculty Senate from 2006 to 2011; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Paul Peterson is most thankful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Pam, and their daughter, Lottie Elizabeth Johnson; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Paul Peterson has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Paul C. Peterson for his manifold achievements as an educator, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best 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.

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ADOPTED: June 8, 2020



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR