



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1213

By Representative Coley

and

Senator Rose

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend William H. Watkins, Jr., for his distinguished service to his community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is William H. Watkins, Jr., who is a certified public accountant and the co-founder of what is now Watkins Uiberall, PLLC; and

WHEREAS, Bill Watkins began his career in public accounting with a large local firm and then served as controller for the sixth-largest industrial security firm in the nation and as the divisional controller for a subsidiary of the firm; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Watkins co-founded Watkins and Watkins, and since that time, he has served as a trusted advisor and business partner to his clients, offering a comprehensive suite of services that includes assurance, accounting, tax consulting, merger and acquisition assistance, and management consulting; and

WHEREAS, Bill Watkins has worked with local governments for more than thirty-five years, including Shelby County government, the City of Memphis, and other local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins founded Nashoba Bank and served as its director and vice chairman before the bank was sold to Trustmark Bank in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Bill Watkins is a member of a number of professional and public organizations, including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Tennessee Society of CPAs, BKR International, Sports Supply Group, Inc., University of Memphis Board of Visitors, Germantown Performing Arts Centre Board of Directors, Economic Club of Memphis, Boy Scouts of America, and Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the past chairman of the Shelby County Republican Party, Mr. Watkins is past president of the Memphis State University National Alumni Association and past board chairman of Christ United Methodist Church. He served on the Tennessee Board of Regents from July 1996 to June 2008 and served as chairman of the audit committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Bill Watkins was named an Outstanding Alumnus of the University of Memphis Fogelman College of Business and Economics, and in 2008, the college named an auditorium in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Bill Watkins is a *cum laude* graduate of the University of Memphis College of Business, from which he received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accountancy; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Watkins is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Jeanette, and their children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Bill Watkins epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

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WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Watkins for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; 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 William H. Watkins, Jr., for his distinguished service to his community and extend 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.

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ADOPTED: June 17, 2020



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2020



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR