

State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1168

By Representative Reedy

and

Senators Roberts, Stevens

A RESOLUTION to commend Jessie Wallace for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Humphreys County Executive.

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, Jessie Wallace is one such admirable person, who has served with distinction since 2010 as Humphreys County Executive while evidencing the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Humphreys County Executive, Mr. Wallace has provided solid leadership and thoughtful guidance for his fellow citizens and distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, born in McEwen, Jessie Wallace is the son of Sara Jane Pewitt Wallace and the late Harris Edwin Wallace and grew up in the Bold Springs Community with his three brothers, Joel, John, and Jerry Wallace; and

WHEREAS, prior to his service as Humphreys County Executive, Mr. Wallace was employed for thirty-six years by the Humphreys County Telephone Company/TDS Telecom, where he rose from the position of technician to retire as West Tennessee District Manager; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace began his exemplary career in public service in 1998, when he was elected to represent the 4th District on the Humphreys County Commission; his distinguished twelve-year tenure on the commission saw him serve as chairman of the Public Works and Safety Committee for ten years; and

WHEREAS, elected to the office of Humphreys County Executive in 2010, Jessie Wallace has always worked diligently at his elected duties and expended the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as county executive, Mr. Wallace has served as a member of the board of directors of the Greater Nashville Regional Council, the Highland Rim Economic Corporation, the Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board, the Twenty-First Century Foundation, and the Tennessee River Trails Association; and

WHEREAS, he has also served as vice chairman of the Workforce Essentials Board of Directors and the Middle Tennessee Mayors' Caucus; he is a member and past chairman of the Mid-Cumberland Human Resources Agency, the Middle Tennessee Regional Planning Organization, and the Humphreys County Industrial Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace has served since June 2015 as a member of the board of directors of the Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative and MLConnect, having recently concluded a term as chairman of the board of that august body; and

WHEREAS, Jessie Wallace has proven that citizens can make a difference by being involved in their community, which he has demonstrated through his participation as a TNAchieves mentor and service as co-chair of its Local Executive Council; he is a member of the Caldwell Masonic Lodge in New Johnsonville and an alumnus of the inaugural class of Leadership Humphreys; and

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WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his faith, Mr. Wallace is a member of the First United Methodist Church in New Johnsonville; and

WHEREAS, exemplifying the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Mr. Wallace is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Tammy, and their children, Clay (Sara) Wallace and Leslie (Scott) Auerbach, and their four grandchildren, Aubrey Wallace, Stevie Wallace, Reid Auerbach, and Henry Auerbach; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure, Jessie Wallace has carried out his responsibilities as Humphreys County Executive with diligence and integrity; his 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, a strong advocate for the citizens of Humphreys County, Mr. Wallace has compiled a singular record of success during his exemplary public service career, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Jessie Wallace for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Humphreys County Executive 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 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: April 25, 2022
CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
RANDY MCNALLY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
APPROVED this 4th day of May 2022
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR