

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 292

By Roach

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Judge John McAfee upon receiving the Claiborne County Good Scout Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body 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 Judge John McAfee, who was honored with the Claiborne County Good Scout Award on April 8, 2014, for his outstanding leadership and kindness; he was also honored with retirement awards for his service in the United States Army Reserve (USAR); and

WHEREAS, Judge John McAfee currently serves as the Circuit Court Judge of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, the son of Jay and JoAnn McAfee, John McAfee was born and raised in Claiborne County, where he graduated from Claiborne County High School before attending Lincoln Memorial University on an Army ROTC scholarship, earning his Bachelor of Business Administration degree; upon graduation, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McAfee attended Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, and graduated in 1991 with his law degree, before marrying his wife, Leigh Anne Stone; and

WHEREAS, in January 1992, John McAfee entered active duty, stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he served as Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer for the XVIII Airborne Corps, and in 1993, he served a combat tour in Mogadishu, Somalia; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Judge McAfee and his family returned home to Claiborne County, where he established his civil law practice and worked part-time with the Public Defender's Office while continuing his military career as a JAG officer with the Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Judge John McAfee was elected Claiborne County General Session Judge and Juvenile Court Judge in 1998, serving six years in this capacity before being elected Circuit Court Judge in 2004; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with his judgeship in Claiborne County, Lieutenant Colonel John McAfee continued his military career, serving as a Military Trial Judge in the 150<sup>th</sup> Legal Support Organization and an instructor at the Army's Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, having been awarded numerous honors and decorations, Judge John McAfee retired from the U.S. Army Reserve after more than two decades of service, in which time he earned his Airborne and Air Assault wings; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, he is also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, John McAfee is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Leigh Anne McAfee, and the couple's two children, Thomas McAfee and Loren Grace McAfee; and

WHEREAS, through his estimable service to Claiborne County and this Nation, Judge McAfee epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Judge John McAfee 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Judge John McAfee upon receiving the Claiborne County Good Scout Award, thank

him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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