

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mayor Odis Clint Abbott, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Mayor Odis Clint Abbott, Jr., is one such estimable person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Clint Abbott has served as mayor of the City of Alcoa since his appointment in December 2018, having been appointed as vice mayor in July 2003 and elected as commissioner in June 1999; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as mayor, Mr. Abbott has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the City of Alcoa has seen the acquisition of the city's municipal building; TDOT approval of the Alcoa Highway relocation and update; and the construction of new buildings for Alcoa Intermediate School, Alcoa Middle School, Alcoa High School, Alcoa High School Competition Gymnasium, the public library, Everett Senior Center, Springbrook Pool Bathhouse, 16MGD Water Filtration Plant, a Public Works & Electric Department Consolidated Service Center, and Clayton Center for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, he also took part in the development of Pellissippi Place technology park, the redevelopment of the former ALCOA, Inc., West Plant site, the completion of Phase I of the Alcoa Highway project—the Hunt Road interchange, the recruitment of a 2.8 million sq. ft. Amazon Fulfillment Center, and the recruitment of Smith & Wesson; and

WHEREAS, a Blount County native, Mr. Abbott is a 1961 graduate of Friendsville High School; he completed a Bachelor of Science degree at Maryville College in 1966, a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration Supervision at Tennessee Technological University in 1973, an Education Specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Tennessee in 1981, and thirty additional hours above his Education Specialist degree; and

WHEREAS, prior to his work in public service, Mr. Abbott enjoyed a career in education, which he began at Townsend High School in January 1966 as a classroom teacher and a coach; he went on to serve with the Knox County school system before beginning his tenure with Alcoa City Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott served with Alcoa City Schools as a classroom teacher, a coach, assistant principal, and principal of Alcoa High School, which position he held for twenty-one years before retiring in June 1995; and

WHEREAS, since retiring from Alcoa High School, he has rendered sterling service as an education consultant, assistant principal and athletic director for Greenback High School, interim principal at Union County High School, and inspector/manager for Helton and Associates, Inc., from which he has also retired; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott further served as vice president of the Tennessee Association of Secondary School Principals for two years, president of Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) for three years, and a member of the Board of Control for nine years; and

WHEREAS, he was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame in March 1996, the Maryville College Wall of Fame in March 1997, the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame in November 1998, the Blount County Wrestling Hall of Fame in January 2002, and the Tennessee Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2004; and

WHEREAS, he was a TSSAA wrestling official for forty years and an NCAA wrestling official for twenty years, and he currently supervises TSSAA wrestling officials; and

WHEREAS, he also served on the Blount Memorial Hospital Board of Directors for five years and currently serves on the Maryville-Alcoa-Blount County Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Abbott and his wife are members of Alcoa First United Methodist Church; they have one son, one daughter, and four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Clint Abbott's remarkable success as a public servant 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, Clint Abbott 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Mayor Odis Clint Abbott, Jr., for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as mayor of the City of Alcoa and wish him success in all of 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.