

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 32

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Larry E. Elkins on the occasion of his thirtieth anniversary as general manager of Holston Electric Cooperative.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their career in public service; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Larry E. Elkins, who is celebrating his thirtieth anniversary as the general manager of Holston Electric Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of East Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting, Mr. Elkins is a Vietnam-era veteran of the United States Army who served with the Office of Joint Chiefs of Staff while stationed at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Larry Elkins began his career with the Holston Electric Cooperative in 1974 and was promoted to general manager in 1984; since that time, he has guided the cooperative to top rankings for performance standards in the Tennessee Valley and the nation; and

WHEREAS, deeply respected in his profession, Mr. Elkins served as chair of the Hawkins County Industrial Development Board of Directors, the Phipps Bend Joint Venture, and the Holston Business Development Group; as president of the Northeast Tennessee Valley Regional Industrial Development Association Board of Directors and the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association Board of Directors; and as a member of the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his participation in state and local organizations, he is currently fulfilling his eleventh year as Tennessee's representative on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his community, Larry Elkins is a member and past vice chair of the Hawkins County Board of Education and the Rogersville Kiwanis Club, and a member of the Rogersville-Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Elkins is the recipient of the Southern Economic Development Council's "Volunteer of the Year" award, the Tennessee Industrial Development Council's "Volunteer of the Year" award, and the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association's Richard C. Crawford Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual individual, he is a member of First Baptist Church of Rogersville, where he serves as a Sunday School leader; and

WHEREAS, his many professional achievements aside, Mr. Elkins is perhaps proudest of the love and companionship he shares with his wife of forty years, Pam Price Elkins, and their two sons, John and Matthew; one daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen Evans Elkins; and two grandchildren, Hank and Clara; and

WHEREAS, Larry Elkins is an invaluable asset to the Holston Electric Cooperative and the Hawkins and Hamblen County communities, and he should be specially recognized on the occasion of this professional milestone; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize Larry E. Elkins on the occasion of his thirtieth anniversary as general manager of Holston Electric Cooperative, commend him for his many contributions to his community and this State, and wish him the best in all 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.