

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 91

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A RESOLUTION to recognize David Lewis on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, David Lewis is one such estimable person, who served with distinction for more than twenty-five years as an employee of The Fairgrounds Nashville and recently took his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis has a deeply rooted history with The Fairgrounds Nashville, having worked with his family at the Tennessee State Fair as a child while also attending such events as Fan Fair and auto races that were held there over the years; and

WHEREAS, David Lewis began his official employment with The Fairgrounds Nashville on June 10, 1991, when he was hired as a seasonal employee; on August 3, 1998, he was hired full time in the role of Maintenance Manager; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Lewis was named Interim Executive Director of The Fairgrounds Nashville, and he served in such capacity with acumen and alacrity; and

WHEREAS, he has played an integral role in the production and advancement of a number of special events and programs held at the facility, including racing, the Tennessee State Fair, The Nashville Fair, the Nashville Flea Market, and countless others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis has devoted his time and energy to building and strengthening relationships with vendors, contractors, and business partners to benefit The Fairgrounds Nashville and undoubtedly has shepherded the facility and its redevelopment to continuing success for generations yet to come; and

WHEREAS, Davis Lewis exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, David Lewis has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and everyone associated with The Fairgrounds Nashville; 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 extend to David Lewis our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in 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.