

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 153

By Smith

A RESOLUTION to commend Gerald McCormick for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office were dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Gerald McCormick of Chattanooga is one such distinguished public servant, who served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Gerald McCormick distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of Chattanooga and Hamilton County as a member of the 104<sup>th</sup>, 105<sup>th</sup>, 106<sup>th</sup>, 107<sup>th</sup>, 108<sup>th</sup>, 109<sup>th</sup>, and 110<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies representing House District 26; and

WHEREAS, born on February 22, 1962, in Jackson, Representative McCormick is the son of Gerald D. McCormick and Ruth McWilliams McCormick; he attended public schools in Shelby County, graduating from Germantown High School. He earned his degree in political science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he pledged Kappa Alpha fraternity and met his wife, Dr. Kimberly McCormick; and

WHEREAS, Gerald McCormick proudly served his country in the United States Army Guard from 1986-1993; he became a Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Specialist through training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and served during the First Gulf War with the 130<sup>th</sup> Rear Area Operations Center based out of Smyrna; and

WHEREAS, before concluding his active duty military service at the rank of Sergeant, he earned multiple commendations and honors, including the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, prior to and during his service with the General Assembly, Gerald McCormick owned Stone Fort Properties, a commercial real estate firm, and worked closely with Second Story Properties in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Representative McCormick is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Chattanooga and Hamilton County, having served with distinction as a member of the Chattanooga Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Blood Assurance, Big Ridge Elementary School PTA, the Ruritan Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Farm Bureau, National Rifle Association, Chattanooga/Hamilton County Planning Commission, and Tennessee State Museum Foundation Board; he also completed the Leadership Tennessee program as a member of the 2015-2016 Class III and remains active in the organization; and

WHEREAS, an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Gerald McCormick rendered sterling service as a member of the House Commerce Committee, House Education Committee, House Small Business Subcommittee, House K-12 Subcommittee, Joint Fiscal Review Committee, Joint Lottery Oversight Committee, House Industrial Impact Subcommittee, House Utilities and Banking Subcommittee, House State and Local Government Committee, House Calendar and Rules Committee, Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee, Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee, House Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee, House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, House Government Operations Committee, Joint Government Subcommittee, House Business and Utilities Committee, House Rules Committee, and House Finance, Ways and Means Study Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Representative McCormick also served with distinction as vice chair of the House Utilities, Banking and Small Business Subcommittee, chair of the State Government

Subcommittee, chair of the House Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee, assistant Republican leader during the 106<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, and majority leader during the 107<sup>th</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies; he also served as chair of the Hamilton County Delegation in 2006 and was integral in bringing Volkswagen to Tennessee in 2011; and

WHEREAS, counted among Representative McCormick's many successes during his time with the General Assembly are his involvement with the passage of Tennessee Promise, the first-of-its-kind legislation that provides every Tennessee high school graduate the opportunity to obtain a two-year degree or certificate free of tuition and fees; the Tennessee Civil Justice Act of 2011, which enacted tort reform across the State; the Market Regulation Act of 2009, which resulted in over \$1 billion of investments in the State, along with thousands of new jobs; the Origin of Goods Act, which protects Tennessee's music industry and songwriters; and the IMPROVE Act, which increased investment in Tennessee's infrastructure while providing the largest single tax cut in the State's history; and

WHEREAS, currently living in Nashville, Gerald McCormick continues to serve his State as a member of the Tennessee Board of Equalization, so appointed by Governor Bill Haslam in 2019; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Gerald McCormick is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Dr. Kimberly McCormick, and their daughters, Cooper McCormick (Austin) Betts and Scottie McCormick, and granddaughter, Margaret "Margot" McCormick Betts; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Representative McCormick worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Gerald McCormick 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 for his exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Gerald McCormick for his meritorious service to

Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Chattanooga and Hamilton County, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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