

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 225

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to commend Scott County Trustee Jimmy Byrd upon being elected statewide president of the County Officials Association of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this General Assembly to recognize those estimable public servants who are wholly devoted to the welfare of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Scott County Trustee Jimmy Byrd, who was recently elected statewide president of the County Officials Association of Tennessee (COAT), an honor most befitting his many years of capable leadership in public office; and

WHEREAS, COAT is an advocate, a voice, and a resource for elected officials from all of Tennessee's ninety-five counties; the organization represents state court clerks, county clerks, registers of deeds, and county trustees throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, each year, the 450 COAT members vote to elect their next president, someone they believe will continue to move the organization forward; Jimmy Byrd was selected by his peers to serve as president for the 2019 fiscal year based on his impeccable reputation of integrity and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd has held the elected position of Trustee in Scott County since 1998; he has also served on the board for the East Tennessee Trustee's Association (ETTA) and as the 2011 president of the Tennessee County Trustee's Association, having served the association as secretary/treasurer from 2005-2010; and

WHEREAS, in Scott County, Jimmy Byrd is the only county elected official to hold the designation of certified public administrator; to earn this designation, Mr. Byrd was required to take ninety hours of coursework pertaining to the job of trustee, and he must complete a

minimum of sixteen hours of continuing education annually. He often elects to complete nearly double the required amount of continuing education hours; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Byrd is a public servant of the highest order and most worthy of our approbation; 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 commend Scott County Trustee Jimmy Byrd upon being elected statewide president of the County Officials Association of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for his continued success in the future.

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