

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 275

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to recognize George Halford on the occasion of his retirement.

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

WHEREAS, George Halford is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction as the president and chief executive officer of the Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce; he will take his much-deserved retirement in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, during his forty-seven-year Chamber career, Mr. Halford has spent sixteen years serving the Cookeville-Putnam County community; he oversaw the 2006 launch of the Highlands Economic Partnership, which focused on regional economic development and workforce development and education and created thousands of job opportunities; the associated workforce development and education program has been nationally recognized as a top-tier program for its strides in ensuring educational programs are aligned with the needs of employers; and

WHEREAS, under George Halford's leadership, visitor development has been revitalized with the implementation of a brand strategy and well-defined mission to inspire travel to Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, Chamber membership has continued to grow with the recent celebration of 1,000 members and successful transition to a tiered benefits structure; this exemplary organization also received four-star accreditation in 2017; and

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

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Gloria; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, George Halford has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; 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 extend to George Halford 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.