

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 379

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mark Sandidge upon being awarded the Certified Municipal Finance Officers certificate.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Church Hill City Recorder Mark Sandidge, who was among 175 municipal finance officers who were awarded the Certified Municipal Finance Officers (CMFO) certificate in Nashville on February 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the program requirements were completed by 216 finance officers, city recorders, city managers, and mayors; this class brings the overall total of certified municipal finance officers to 313; and

WHEREAS, these individuals completed a two-year program that consisted of eleven courses covering eight different topics, and they passed an exam for each course; and

WHEREAS, speakers at the ceremony included Justin P. Wilson, Comptroller of the Treasury; Director of Local Government Audit Jim Arnette; UT Institute for Public Service Assistant Vice President Chuck Shoopman; and UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) Executive Director Jim Thomas; and

WHEREAS, the CMFO program was developed after the state legislature passed a law that required certain municipal finance officers to be certified; MTAS worked with assistance from and review by the State of Tennessee Comptroller's Office to develop the program objectives and content; and

WHEREAS, this certification program is at the forefront of programs nationwide that focuses on the role of the municipal finance officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sandidge epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mark Sandidge for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mark Sandidge upon being awarded the Certified Municipal Finance Officers certificate, thank him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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