

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 530

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION recognizing David Dockery on his tenure as the president of Union University.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those leaders of educational institutions in Tennessee who, throughout their tenures, have cultivated environments of academic excellence while fostering growth and success within their respective colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, David Dockery is one such intrepid individual who has, for the past eighteen years, rendered sterling service as the president of Union University. At the end of the fall semester of 2013, Mr. Dockery left the office of the president and embarked upon a new career as the university's chancellor; and

WHEREAS, since being elected as president on December 8, 1995, Mr. Dockery has had a positive and lasting impact on Union University, its educators, and its students. Under his leadership, the university has doubled in size, numerous additions have been made to the campus, the school's budget has grown from \$18 million to more than \$90 million, and Union has expanded into two satellite campuses, one in Germantown and one in Hendersonville; and

WHEREAS, perhaps the most significant moment of his tenure, however, occurred when a tornado tore through the campus on February 5, 2008. In the days and weeks that followed, David Dockery stood as a beacon of hope and perseverance, inspiring those around him as he spearheaded cleanup and rebuilding efforts; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps proudest of the love and support he shares with his wife, Lanese Dockery; and

WHEREAS, for nearly twenty years, David Dockery has served the office of the president of Union University with dignity, poise, and grace, and it is wholly fitting that this body formally recognize those years of service; 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 recognize David Dockery for his sterling service as the president of Union University, extending our best wishes for every future success as he transitions into the role of university chancellor.

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