

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 635

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A RESOLUTION to honor Sergeant at Arms Landon Deel for his service to the Tennessee House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those valuable legislative employees who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their meritorious service to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Landon Deel of LaVergne is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction as a Sergeant at Arms for the Tennessee House of Representatives since 2012 and will soon depart these hallowed halls for the greener pastures of retirement; and

WHEREAS, born in Buchanan County, Virginia, in 1941, Landon Deel graduated from high school in 1959 and moved to Gainesville, Virginia, where he was employed by Atlantic Research Corporation; and

WHEREAS, his responsibilities at Atlantic Research Corporation included working on weather, military, and space rockets, including the Terrier and the Redeye Missile projects for the military; he also helped build the pilon jettison rocket that brought Astronaut John Glenn back from orbit; and

WHEREAS, while working for Atlantic Research Corporation, Mr. Deel also attended barber school at night and became a barber; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Mr. Deel joined the Virginia Department of Transportation in Prince William County, Virginia, and was assigned to a concrete plant in Happy Valley; during the Johnson Administration, he completed beautification projects along Interstate 95 from State Route 234 to Woodbridge, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, after completing a two-year highway engineering course, he was awarded a certificate and moved to Newport News, Virginia, to work for Conan Engineering; he

subsequently returned to the Virginia Department of Transportation, where he completed concrete, asphalt, aggregate, and bridge schools; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, he moved to Coeburn, Virginia, and worked for Marty Materials and later the Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Company until 1990, when he relocated to the beautiful State of Tennessee to work for Beaver Engineering; and

WHEREAS, during his time with Beaver Engineering, Landon Deel helped build the Consolidated Freight Terminal near LaVergne; he later joined Professional Service Industries and helped complete such projects as the South Central Bell Tower, Clover Bottom Institute, and the Two Rivers Church addition; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Mr. Deel was hired by Browns Concrete and Block Company, and in 1997, he was employed by Irving Materials, Inc., for which he served as the technical services manager over its Tennessee plants and oversaw the pouring of concrete on Interstates 24, 40, and 65; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected professional in the concrete industry, he was an active member of the Tennessee Concrete Association and developed a number of groundbreaking concrete formulas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deel is a faithful member of Cofers Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, and it was there that he met Wayne Steele, who told Landon that he would make a good Sergeant at Arms; and

WHEREAS, Landon Deel began his illustrious service as a Sergeant at Arms for the House of Representatives on February 21, 2012, and since that time he has rarely, if ever, missed the Wednesday morning devotion; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable tenure with the House of Representatives, Landon Deel has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the members and staff of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Landon Deel for his dedicated and efficient service to the House of Representatives as a Sergeant at Arms and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.