

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 676

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor Gary Peters on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Gary Peters is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty-four years in emergency medical services and who embarked upon a much-deserved retirement on March 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Gary Peters began his career in 1972 as an orderly at Fentress County Hospital; later that same year, he completed training as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and in 1973, he was named director of the Fentress County Ambulance Service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peters is deeply committed to public service; in addition to his duties as EMS Director for Fentress County, he served two terms as county commissioner for the fifth district and as the county coroner until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the county commission, he procured grant funding for several projects, including the Fentress County Justice Center, E911 Center, 911 Reverse Early Warning System, Fentress County Ambulance Service Center, Jamestown Fire Department, Pall Mall Fire Hall, the Ambulance/Rescue/Fire Station South Fentress, and the Fentress County Health Department, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peters has served as a member of the Fentress County Library Board and the Fentress County Senior Citizens Board; and

WHEREAS, Gary Peters is an active and important part of his community and has served as an officer with the auxiliary police department, volunteered with the local Rescue Squad, and reorganized the local chamber of commerce and the Fentress County chapter of the

Red Cross. He has also trained and educated members of the community in CPR and emergency management; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Peters was elected into the Signature Healthcare Hall of Fame in 2013, and under his leadership, Fentress County Emergency Management Services was presented the Bob Thomas ALS Service Award in recognition of outstanding ambulance service; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Gary Peters 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Gary Peters for his meritorious service to the people of Fentress County and wish him continued success and happiness during his much-deserved retirement.

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