

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 692

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to recognize Phillip Tinch on the occasion of his retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Phillip Tinch is one such estimable individual, who is taking a much-deserved retirement after serving with distinction for thirty years with the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tinch is retiring from the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area's Facility Management Program, with which he served as a laborer, a tractor operator, and a maintenance worker; and

WHEREAS, his many devoted years of service involved a variety of tasks, including the construction and installation of walkways, bridges, cable-suspended bridges, turnpikes, stairways, hitching rails, fences, and retaining walls throughout the park; and

WHEREAS, in completing his daily assignments, Phillip Tinch demonstrated throughout his estimable career a thorough knowledge of a host of tools and machinery, including jackhammers, rock saws, chainsaws, and heavy construction equipment; and

WHEREAS, because of his wealth of experience, Mr. Tinch was called upon to supervise interns and volunteer programs working on trail rehabilitation and bridge building projects at the park; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in helping with the park's annual hay production and could often be seen on a tractor in one of the park fields cutting hay to feed the park horses; and

WHEREAS, prior to working with the National Park Service, Phillip Tinch honorably served with the United States Navy for four years. While based in San Diego, California, Mr.

Tinch achieved the rank of E4 (machinist mate 3rd class), trained at the United States Naval Propulsion Engineering School, and received the Navy Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal; and

WHEREAS, Philip Tinch also has extensive experience in farming and raising livestock, as well as sawmill and lumber work; he plans to continue farming during his retirement; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Tinch 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize Phillip Tinch on the occasion of his retirement and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for every continued success in all 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.