

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 743

By DeBerry

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Harry Kelsie Sharp on the occasion of his retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Harry Kelsie Sharp is one such estimable person, who has served with probity for more than forty years as a professor of pediatric dentistry at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry; he will soon take his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sharp honorably served in the United States Army National Guard from 1953 until 1960 and was named Outstanding Soldier on three occasions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harry Sharp received degrees from Middle Tennessee State University, the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, and the University of Alabama, and he holds dental licenses in Alabama, Tennessee, and Florida; and

WHEREAS, he has earned appointments at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital in Memphis; Birmingham Children's Hospital in Alabama; Maury County Hospital in Columbia; North Carolina Public Health; Alton Park Neighborhood Health Service in Chattanooga; and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harry Sharp has participated in the clinical training of more than 160 pediatric dentistry residents, and he has received thirty-seven awards and grants for teaching excellence, leadership, scholarship, and service, including the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association's Outstanding Teacher Award and the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry Distinguished Faculty Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sharp has been a visiting professor, invited lecturer, and presenter at a number of local, state, and national meetings, including the Alabama Public Health Dentistry, Gasden State Community College, Midsouth Dental Congress, Memphis Dental Study Club, the University of Tennessee Study Club, Tennessee Public Health Dentists, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and the International Association for Dental Research; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of Richard Doggett Dean's honorary society, the Omicron Upsilon honorary society, and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry; and

WHEREAS, his writing has been published in the *Journal of Pedodontics*, *Journal of Special Care in Dentistry*, *Journal of Public Health Dentistry*, *Journal of the Tennessee Dental Association*, *Quintessence International*, *Journal of the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry*, and *Dental Abstracts*; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sharp has developed fourteen teaching materials, invented several dental-related appliances, and received a patent from the United States Patent and Trademark Office for one of his inventions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sharp exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Harry Sharp has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, students, and patients; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Harry Kelsie Sharp our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and 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.