

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 829

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to recognize Judge Bob Hamilton 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, the Honorable Bob Hamilton, General Session Judge, Division II for Wilson County, is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-eight years in that capacity and recently announced that he will be taking his much deserved retirement in August of this year; and

WHEREAS, during his career on the bench, Judge Hamilton presided over Civil, Domestic Relations, Juvenile, Traffic, Probate, and Mental Health Courts and served as the Criminal General Sessions Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, a fourth-generation native of Wilson County, Judge Hamilton is the son of Finney and Margaret Hamilton and graduated from Middle Tennessee State University prior to being accepted into the U.S. Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the U.S. Navy, Judge Bob Hamilton served aboard destroyers and was qualified as an Officer of the Deck on the Cruiser USS Wainwright, where he served a tour during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, upon his release from active duty, Judge Hamilton entered the University of Tennessee Law School, where he graduated in 1975 and immediately began a private practice of law in Lebanon, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished member of the legal profession, Judge Bob Hamilton served as president of the Wilson County Bar Association, on the Board of Governors of the American

Judges Association, and as a member of the Tennessee Bar Association and the Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference; and

WHEREAS, he is a life member of the National Probate and Family Court Judges and is a graduate of numerous courses at the National Judicial College; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Judge Bob Hamilton served as the first president of the Adult Literacy of Wilson County, on the Board of Directors of the United Way and the Wilson County Fair, and as a president of the University of Tennessee Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Leadership Wilson, Judge Hamilton is a member of the Exchange Club and the Rotary Club, where he served as president, director, and assistant district governor; and

WHEREAS, a life member of the National Rifle Association and Safari Club International, Judge Bob Hamilton is an avid outdoorsman who has hunted throughout the United States, South America, and Africa; and

WHEREAS, a skilled shot, he is a former president of the Tennessee Skeet Shooting Association, former board member of the Board of Directors of the Nashville Skeet and Trap Club, and helped established the Cedar City Skeet and Trap Club in Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hamilton is a faithful member of Lebanon First United Methodist Church, which he has served as a Lay Leader, Sunday School Teacher, and member of the choir; and

WHEREAS, looking forward to spending more time with his family, traveling, and pursuing outdoor adventures after his retirement, Judge Bob Hamilton is the loving husband of Donna Gallaher Hamilton and the proud parent of his son, Rob, daughter, Paty, and step-son, Michael; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Judge Hamilton 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Judge Bob Hamilton 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.