

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 871

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Judd Matheny for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Judd Matheny of Tullahoma is one such distinguished public servant, who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Judd Matheny has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of Coffee and Warren counties as a member of the 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, and 110th General Assemblies representing House District 47; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Tullahoma High School, Judd Matheny earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration and political science from Excelsior College in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Representative Matheny served his country valiantly for eight years with the United States Army; he is also an eight-year veteran of state and local law enforcement, graduating from the VIP Protection Academy in 2000 as a tactical shooting/executive and serving as an agent/K-9 officer with the 13th Judicial District Drug Task Force, a special agent with the Tennessee Alcohol Beverage Commission, and a reserve deputy sheriff for Coffee County; and

WHEREAS, Judd Matheny parlayed his career in law enforcement into work in security and private investigation; he has also worked in physician services and as an auctioneer; and

WHEREAS, Representative Matheny is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Coffee and Warren counties, having served with distinction as chairman of the Coffee County Republican Party and a member of the Tullahoma Rotary Club and the Tullahoma, Manchester, and McMinnville Chambers of Commerce, and he is a 2001-2002 graduate of Coffee County Leadership in Progress; and

WHEREAS, he is also a Master Mason, a former chairman of Davidson County Crimestoppers, and a member of Tennessee Farm Bureau, the National Rifle Association, Quail Unlimited, and the National Wild Turkey Federation; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Matheny has rendered sterling service as a member of the House Utilities and Banking Subcommittee, House Elections Subcommittee, House State and Local Government Committee, House Commerce Committee, House Utilities, Banking and Small Business Subcommittee, House Criminal Practice and Procedure Committee, House Judiciary Committee, Joint Corrections Oversight Committee, House Criminal Subcommittee, House Consumer Subcommittee, House Calendar and Rules Committee, Joint Government Operations Health and Education Subcommittee, House General Subcommittee of Finance, Ways and Means, House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, House Government Operations, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, House Health Subcommittee, House Health Committee, House Insurance and Banking Committee, and House Insurance and Banking Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Matheny also served with distinction as Speaker Pro Tempore of the 107th General Assembly, Secretary of the Republican Caucus during the 106th and 107th General Assemblies, Chair of the House Consumer Employee Affairs Committee during the 106th General Assembly, Chair of the Joint Government Operations Commerce,

Labor, Transportation, and Agriculture Subcommittee during the 107th General Assembly, and Chair of the House Government Operations Committee during the 108th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Representative Matheny is a family man and civic leader, and he has proven that citizens can make a difference through being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Representative Judd Matheny is perhaps most grateful for the love of his wife, Christy, and their two children, Abigail and Aulden; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Judd Matheny has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Representative Judd Matheny is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in this body; 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 hereby honor Representative Judd Matheny for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Coffee and Warren counties, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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