

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 873

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Charles Sargent 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 district and to this great State; and

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

WHEREAS, Representative Sargent is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Williamson County, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Charles Sargent has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 61st House District, whom he has served as a member of the 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, and 110th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Charles Sargent has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Sargent has rendered sterling service as chair of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, and as a member of the House Calendar and

Rules Committee, the House Insurance and Banking Committee, the House Rules Committee, the House Commerce Committee, the House State and Local Government Committee, the House Government Operations Committee, the House Ethics Committee, the House Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee, the House Finance, Ways and Means Study Subcommittee, the House Small Business Subcommittee, the House Industrial Impact Subcommittee, and the House General Subcommittee of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, he has also served with acumen and alacrity as a member of the Joint Fiscal Review Committee, the Joint Committee on Pensions and Insurance, the Joint Workers' Compensation Committee, the Joint Legislative Management Committee, the Joint Lottery Oversight Committee, and the Joint Business Tax Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Charles Sargent served as Republican Caucus Chairman of the 103rd General Assembly and Minority Whip of the 101st and 102nd General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Sargent has been honored with the 2016 Tennessee CASA President's Award; the 2015 Disability Hero award from the Tennessee Disability Coalition; the 2014 Legislator of the Year honor by the Tennessee Men's Health Network; the 2014 Champion of Commerce Award from the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce; the 2014 Legislator of the Year honor from NAMIC; the 2013 Traffic Safety Champion award from AAA; the 2013 Community Action Partnership Award from the Tennessee Association of Community Action; the 2002 and 2003 Legislator of the Year honor from the Tennessee Development District Association; and the 2001 Outstanding Representative accolade from the County Officials Association of Tennessee; and

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

WHEREAS, an accomplished businessman in the insurance industry, Charles Sargent attended Pace University in New York and proudly served this nation as a member of the United States Navy from 1965-1967; and

WHEREAS, Representative Sargent began his public service career at the local level as a member of the Williamson County Commission from 1990 to 1996 and was a longtime member of the Williamson County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, he donates his time and energies to a number of civic, community, and charitable organizations, including the Williamson County Chamber of Commerce, the Williamson County Heritage Foundation, the Williamson County Republican Party, the Williamson Medical Foundation, Grassland Parents Association, and Grassland Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Representative Charles Sargent 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, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Charles Sargent is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife and their three children; and

WHEREAS, Representative Charles Sargent 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 Charles Sargent 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 the 61st House District, 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.