

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 893

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Kent Williams 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 Kent Williams of Elizabethton is one such distinguished public servant who served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Carter County and the 4th House District; and he 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, Kent Williams distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 4th House District, who evinced their firm belief in his abilities as a legislator by electing him to serve four consecutive terms as their representative, a position in which he performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, a member of the 105th through 108th General Assemblies, Kent Williams is respected by all as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process, Representative Williams currently renders sterling service as a member of the House Business and Utilities Committee and the House State Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, he served with distinction as Speaker of the House for the 106th General Assembly and was a member of the Joint Legislative Services Committee and Joint Diabetes Prevention Committee during that same period; and

WHEREAS, a retired restaurant owner, Representative Williams is also a farmer, family man, businessman, and community leader; and he proves that citizens can make a difference by being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, he donates his time and energies on the local level as a member of the Elizabethton-Carter County Chamber of Commerce, Elizabethton-Carter County Hunting and Fishing Club, and the National Rifle Association; and he served as chair of the United Way Campaign in 2008; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Kent Williams 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, Kent Williams is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Gayle, and his sons, David, Mark, Roby, and John; and

WHEREAS, Representative Kent Williams 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Kent Williams for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives and Speaker of the House, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of

Carter County and the 4th 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.