

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 902

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to commend Commissioner Roy H. Bledsoe for his honorable and astute service to the people of Loudon County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Roy H. Bledsoe is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a member of the Loudon County Commission, Roy Bledsoe distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, born in Union County, Commissioner Bledsoe moved with his family at the age of five to Philadelphia, Tennessee, where he still lives today; and

WHEREAS, his career in public service began in Sweetwater Creek in 1959 as a member of the Soil Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bledsoe was first elected to the Loudon County Commission in 1966, rising to first mayor of the county in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bledsoe's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Roy Bledsoe is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his role on the Loudon County Commission, Commissioner Bledsoe joined the Sweetwater Hospital Home Health Advisory Board in 1984; and

WHEREAS, in his private life, he was also a dairy farmer for forty-two years, and for a time, he ran a creamery with his brother; he is also a member of the Gideons, the Masonic Lodge, and the Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bledsoe is an active member of First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, which he has attended for over sixty years and has served as a deacon for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Roy Bledsoe is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Sarah, their daughter, Hope, and their three grandchildren, Cole, Will, and Abbi; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bledsoe 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; 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 commend Commissioner Roy H. Bledsoe for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Loudon County as a member of the Loudon County Commission and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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