

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 984

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Randy Hammon upon his receipt of the 2018 TVMA Lifetime Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as industry leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Dr. Randy Hammon, who recently received the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA); and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Dr. Randy Hammon, along with his brother, Dr. Jim Hammon, co-founded the Northgate Animal Hospital in the Hixson community of Hamilton County; the two veterinarians opened their clinic shortly after they both graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine (UTCVM); and

WHEREAS, since opening for business, Northgate has grown from just the Hammon brothers to a staff of nearly twenty employees, including a third veterinarian, Dr. V. Yvonne Ward; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hammon received the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his many committed years in the veterinary field; one of the most prestigious awards bestowed by the TVMA, it is given only to veterinarians with more than thirty years of experience; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his stalwart work as a veterinarian, Dr. Randy Hammon has also served as the president of both the Hamilton County Veterinary Medical Association and the East Tennessee Veterinary Medical Foundation Board; he currently serves as the

chairperson for the UTCVM Dean's Advisory Council and as an advisory board member to the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hammon and his brother also created the first veterinary peer-review system in the United States during the 1980s, in which committees were established throughout Tennessee to mediate disputes between veterinarians and clients, a system that has since been implemented across the nation by the American Veterinary Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Randy Hammon epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; his compassionate and dedicated medical care of this State's beloved pets makes him a credit not only to Hamilton County but to the entire State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it most appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Randy Hammon upon his much-deserved award; 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 honor and commend Dr. Randy Hammon upon his receipt of the 2018 TVMA Lifetime Achievement Award, salute his veterinary expertise, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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