

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1096

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Wilbur Crockett Lee on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur Crockett Lee is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for eight years as the Mayor of Hawkins County; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lee will be taking a much deserved retirement on August 31, 2010, at the end of his second term; and

WHEREAS, born in Hawkins County to Bill and Ethel Bridges Lee, Wilbur Crockett Lee graduated from Rogersville High School and East Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-six years, Wilbur Lee served with acumen and alacrity as an employee with Rockwell Automation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was first elected to public office as an Alderman for the Town of Rogersville in 1989; from July 1989 to June 1993, he served as the Vice Mayor. During his term as Alderman and Vice Mayor, he also lent sterling service to the Rogersville Planning Commission and the Rogersville Water Commission; and

WHEREAS, in August 2002, Wilbur Crockett Lee was first elected to the position of Mayor; he was elected to a second term four years later in August of 2006; and

WHEREAS, during his two terms of service, Mayor Lee directed a staff of six and performed 340 marriage ceremonies, as of April 10, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lee is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Board of County

Commissioners, which he served as chairman, the First Tennessee Development District, the First Tennessee Human Resource Agency, the Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency, Eastern Eight Housing, District 1 - Homeland Security Council, and Upper East Juvenile Detention, and lending his support to ARCH, Holston Business Development Group, and Rogersville Main Street Board; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbur Lee also contributes his time and numerous talents to the Hawkins County Joint Economic Development Board, which he served as chairman, the Hawkins County Three Star Strategic Planning Committee, the Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce, the Hawkins County Health Council, the Hawkins County Imagination Library Board, the Hawkins County United Way Board of Directors, and the Wellmont Hawkins County Hospital Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lee's many skills and abilities have additionally proven instrumental to the Walters State - Workforce Investment Council, the East Tennessee Regional AMA, the Tennessee Association of County Mayors, the Hawkins County Connect Tennessee Committee, and the Hawkins County Emergency Communications Board, which he served as an Ex Officio member; Mayor Lee also served his community and fellow citizens as the Acting Emergency Management Director for two years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lee exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career in both private and public service, Wilbur Lee has been aided by the love and support of his wife, Pat, and his four children, Kathy Carpenter, Bobby Lee, Diana Horton, and Susan Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, he is the proud grandfather of Travis Carpenter, Lindsay Carpenter, Jessica Lee, Mattie Lee, and the late Russ Lee and the great-grandfather of Kylie Carpenter and Matthew Carpenter; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lee evinces his devout faith as a member of the Rogersville United Methodist Church, which he has served as a Lay Minister; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Wilbur Crockett Lee has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Mayor Wilbur Crockett Lee our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

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