

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1172

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to recognize Judge John K. Wilson 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 industry; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable John K. Wilson, Circuit Court Judge for Greene, Hawkins, Hamblen, and Hancock Counties, is one such estimable person who has served with distinction since 1979 in that capacity and recently announced that he will be taking his much deserved retirement in June of this year; and

WHEREAS, a native of Johnson City, Tennessee, Judge Wilson attended East Tennessee State University for twelve years and is a graduate of East Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee College of Law; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable John K. Wilson proudly served his Nation as a member of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Wilson gained legal wisdom and courtroom experience as an Assistant Attorney General under the leadership of Attorney General Heiskell Winstead; and

WHEREAS, in January 1979, John K. Wilson was appointed Circuit Court Judge by Governor Lamar Alexander and won election to complete the remainder of the term in 1980; and

WHEREAS, winning the confidence of the good people of his jurisdiction, Judge Wilson won re-election to the bench in 1982, 1990, 1998, and 2006, and will be taking his much deserved retirement on June 30, 2014, at the completion of his term; and

WHEREAS, sharing his academic expertise and knowledge of the law, Judge John K. Wilson also taught classes at Walter State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Judge John Wilson is a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Greeneville, Tennessee, which he serves in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, looking forward to spending more time with his family after his retirement, Judge John Wilson is the loving husband of Nancy Waggoner Wilson, the proud father of Kimberley Wilson Carter and John Waggoner Wilson, and the adoring grandfather of three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Judge Wilson demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and members of the bar; 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 extend to Judge John K. Wilson 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.