

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1220

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A RESOLUTION to honor Judge Jeff Hollingsworth on the occasion of his retirement from the bench.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing one of the finest jurists this State has ever produced, namely Hamilton County Circuit Court Judge Jeff Hollingsworth; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hollingsworth is taking a much-deserved retirement after sixteen years of dedicated and insightful service with the Hamilton County's Eleventh Circuit Court, Division II, having decided not to seek another term in the upcoming election; and

WHEREAS, first elected to the bench in 2006 and reelected in 2014, Judge Hollingsworth is eagerly anticipating the next stage of his life; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hollingsworth attended Tulane University on a football scholarship and received his undergraduate degree from that school in 1973; he earned his J.D. degree from Louisiana State University in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Hollingsworth began his career in that same year as a law clerk for Judge William F. Cline; the following year, he joined the East Baton Rouge District Attorney's Office, where he served as an assistant district attorney and section chief until 1984; and

WHEREAS, he relocated and worked as an assistant district attorney general in Hamilton County until 1989; Jeff Hollingsworth then practiced law with the firm of Stophel and Stophel (now Chambliss, Bahner and Stophel) until he was elected to the bench; and

WHEREAS, while practicing law, Judge Hollingsworth was certified as a civil trial specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and the Tennessee Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, he has given back to the legal profession as vice president and chair of the Public Trust and Confidence Committee of the Tennessee Judicial Conference and a member

of the Tennessee Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission's Pro Bono Advisory Committee and the Pro Bono Committee of the Chattanooga Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hollingsworth has been named a Fellow of the Chattanooga Bar Foundation and Tennessee Bar Foundation and honored with the Pro Bono Partner Award by Legal Aid of East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, active in his community and church, Judge Hollingsworth serves on the Board of Hope for the Inner City and is a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, he expresses his faith as a member of Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, where he serves as an elder and trustee; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Jeff Hollingsworth is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of forty-one years, Mary Hollingsworth; their daughter, Katy Murphy, and her husband, Cliff; their son, John Hollingsworth, and his wife, Lauren; and their grandsons, Jack and Luke; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure on the bench, Judge Hollingsworth has exhibited the greatest integrity and a strong commitment to justice, and he is most worthy of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that it is a pleasure and a privilege for this body to honor Hamilton County Circuit Court Judge Jeff Hollingsworth on the occasion of his retirement after sixteen years on the bench. We extend to him our gratitude for a difficult job well done and 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 and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.