

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1242

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to commend Richard R. Rooker for his honorable and astute service as Davidson County Circuit Court Clerk.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, Richard R. Rooker is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction for nearly thirty years as Davidson County Circuit Court Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rooker will be taking a much-deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure in the court system, Ricky Rooker has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Goodpasture High School in Madison, Mr. Rooker attended David Lipscomb University and the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service; and

WHEREAS, while attending school, Ricky Rooker was employed by the Traffic Violations Bureau from June 1978 to November 1984; and

WHEREAS, a Certified Public Administrator, Mr. Rooker was employed by the General Sessions-Civil Division Clerk's Office in Davidson County from December 1984 to March 1993, earning promotions to Assistant Chief Clerk and Chief Clerk; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed interim Circuit Court Clerk on March 8, 1993, upon the death of his father, George L. Rooker, the county's longest-serving clerk, with twenty-seven years of service; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 1993, Ricky Rooker was appointed Circuit Court Clerk by the Metropolitan Council of Nashville and Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, elected to a four-year term as Davidson Circuit Court Clerk in August 1994, Mr. Rooker was subsequently reelected to additional four-year terms in 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2018; and

WHEREAS, a few of his many accomplishments in office include the introduction of CaseLink, a web-based service that enables subscribers to access case information from their offices; the establishment of a website to provide access to vital information regarding departments under his direction; and the redesign of *The Rooker Report*, the Clerk's monthly newsletter, to include a wide array of statistical information of interest to the legal community; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Rooker is an active and important part of his community and profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the County Officials Association of Tennessee, Middle Tennessee Clerks Association, Tennessee State Court Clerks Association, Davidson County Democratic Women's Club, Nashville Women's Political Caucus, Al Menah Shrine Temple, and Free & Accepted Masons, Jere Baxter Lodge 742; and

WHEREAS, he is also an active member of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Madison Chamber of Commerce, Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, Old Hickory Chamber of Commerce, Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce, and Middle Tennessee Football Officials Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rooker'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, Ricky Rooker 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Richard R. Rooker for his honorable and astute service to

the good people of Tennessee as Davidson County Circuit Court Clerk and wish him all the best 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.