

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1252

By Johnson C

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Judge Wayne C. Shelton on the occasion of his retirement from the bench.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to honor an outstanding jurist who, having faithfully discharged his duties for many years, is embarking upon a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wayne Shelton is one such noteworthy jurist, who has served the good people of Montgomery County with distinction since his appointment as Division II Juvenile and General Sessions Court Judge on July 1, 1979, by Governor Lamar Alexander; and

WHEREAS, throughout his nearly forty-three-year tenure on the bench, Judge Shelton has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, the longest-serving judge in Tennessee, Wayne C. Shelton was born on November 2, 1945, to Mark and Ethel Shelton of Wabbaseka, Arkansas, and graduated from Stuttgart High School in Stuttgart, Arkansas, in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Judge Shelton is a 1967 graduate of Rhodes College in Memphis, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy; and

WHEREAS, from 1968 to 1972, Wayne C. Shelton honorably served as an artillery officer in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his Juris Doctor degree from The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in 1975, he entered private practice in Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, highly respected by his peers, Judge Wayne Shelton is a member of several national juvenile court organizations and a past president of the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Judge Shelton was awarded the Judge Elizabeth McCain Memorial Award in recognition of his service to the juvenile courts of Tennessee, and he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Judge Shelton exemplifies the commitment to equality and justice under the law that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Judge Wayne Shelton has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his fellow members of the bench and bar, the parties appearing before his court, and the citizens of the State of Tennessee; 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 extend to Judge Wayne C. Shelton our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applauding his years of dedicated public service as Montgomery County Division II Juvenile and General Sessions Court Judge and wishing him 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.