

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1317

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Don Provonsha on the occasion of his retirement.

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

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Don Provonsha, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, following fifteen years of service in the compliance department at BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Mr. Provonsha will take his well-deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Mr. Provonsha fulfilled his duties with profound modesty, and he is believed to be the insurer's senior employee; in addition to handling confidential matters, he was part of Operation HealthWrong, an investigation that brought a fraudulent doctor to justice; and

WHEREAS, born in Utah, Don Provonsha is a graduate of the University of South Florida; he began working at the age of twelve to help his mother and his four siblings; and

WHEREAS, a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Provonsha was drafted in 1966 and served in Vietnam; during his last five days in service, his unit was overrun and outnumbered eight to one by the enemy, and most of his comrades were critically or fatally injured; Mr. Provonsha, among others, was awarded two Purple Hearts for his heroic actions during the four-day battle; and

WHEREAS, Don Provonsha maintained a long career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and retired from the position of supervisor of the Chattanooga office; he went on to

hold positions in field investigations for Unum and then served as senior vice president and chief compliance officer at Life Care Centers in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, aside from his many professional accomplishments, Mr. Provonsha is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Kay; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary career, Mr. Provonsha has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens he so ably served; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Don Provonsha our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, offering our deepest gratitude for his distinguished service 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.