

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1326

By Faison

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative John Holsclaw for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative John Holsclaw of Elizabethton is one such distinguished public servant, who has served his constituency with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on Capitol Hill, Representative Holsclaw has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic life of Carter County and parts of Unicoi County, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, John Holsclaw has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 4th House District, whom he has served as a member of the 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, and 113th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service, John Holsclaw has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, born on May 24, 1963, Representative Holsclaw has a strong work ethic and is highly regarded as a jeweler, a jewelry store proprietor, and a small business owner of more than thirty years; he is recognized by his peers as the "jeweler of the legislature," and he is known to work late hours through the night and into the morning creating magnificent custom jewelry for his customers; and

WHEREAS, he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative John Holsclaw has rendered sterling service as chair of the House Departments and Agencies Subcommittee, chair of the House Employee Affairs Subcommittee, chair of the House Business and Utilities Subcommittee, and as a member of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, the House Commerce Committee, the House Consumer and Human Resources Committee, the House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee of Extraordinary Session II, the House Health Committee, the House Business and Utilities Committee, the House Local Government Committee, the House Local Government Committee of the 1st Extraordinary Session, the House Rules Committee, the House State Government Committee, the House State Government Committee of the 1st Extraordinary Session, the House Business Subcommittee, the House Business and Utilities Subcommittee, the House Business and Utilities Subcommittee of the 1st Extraordinary Session, the House Cities and Counties Subcommittee, and the House Cities and Counties Subcommittee of the 1st Extraordinary Session; and

WHEREAS, perhaps his proudest moment as a legislator was passing "The Hands-Free Bill," a bill geared to protect individuals from distracted drivers who use their cell phones to text while driving; and

WHEREAS, John Holsclaw has proven that citizens can make a difference by being involved in their community, which he has demonstrated through his participation as a member of the National Rifle Association, the Carter County Republican Party, the Unicoi Kiwanis Club, the Elizabethton Chamber of Commerce, the Erwin Chamber of Commerce, and the Carter County Hunting and Fishing Club; additionally, he served as director of engineering for 40 Million Company; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, John Holsclaw is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his beautiful wife of twenty-two years,

Sheri; their five daughters, Taylor, Kaeli, Dana, Hannah, and Holly; and his son-in-law, Nick; he is proud to be the official "Grumps" to his grandson, John Crew; and

WHEREAS, in his leisure time, Representative Holsclaw enjoys hunting and fishing; he is an avid watcher of murder mystery and true crime shows, and it is said that he would be the number one suspect if his wife were to ever come up missing; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, John Holsclaw has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Representative John Holsclaw 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 for his exemplary tenure in the General Assembly; 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 hereby honor Representative John Holsclaw for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 4th House District, and extend to him 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.