

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1483

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dave Smith on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Dave Smith, who currently serves as president of EviCore, a leading medical benefit management company, and who will be taking his much-deserved retirement from the company later this year after first joining the company in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was part of the original team that was responsible for developing and building what is now EviCore and played an integral role in helping establish a part of the industry that did not exist prior to his twenty-five-year tenure with the company; and

WHEREAS, leading all areas of EviCore, Mr. Smith now oversees a company that includes more than 400 medical directors and 1,000 nurses, spanning fifty-plus specialties to process medical claims and benefits for more than 100 clients, accounting for 100 million members; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to making health care better and more sustainable for over 100 million patients has been a significant contributor in making EviCore the market leader in medical benefit management; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, EviCore has expanded its business, enjoyed high client retention rates, and driven more affordable health care for its health plan clients; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining EviCore, Mr. Smith served as vice president of Provider Network Management for Cigna/Healthsource in South Carolina; he began his professional career as a CPA in the Internal Audit department at Ernst & Young after graduating from Harding University with a bachelor's degree in accounting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has lent his time and talents to a number of charitable organizations, including the American Cancer Society, where he has served as a member of the board for several years and participated and contributed to many events; and

WHEREAS, having shared with others that he looks upon his retirement as a time to give back, Mr. Smith exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dave Smith has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; 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 Dave Smith our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and 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.