

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8013 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Faison

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Andy Holt 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 Andy Holt of Dresden is one such distinguished public servant who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Representative Holt has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Weakley, Carroll, and Obion counties, 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, Andy Holt has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 76th House District, whom he has served as a member of the 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, and 111th General Assemblies; and

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

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Holt has rendered sterling service as chair of the House Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee and as a member of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the

House Education Instruction and Programs Committee, the House Local Government Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, the House Conservation and Environment Committee, the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee, the Select Committee on Rules, and the Joint Council on Pensions and Insurance; and

WHEREAS, Representative Andy Holt has also served as chair of the Ag Day on the Hill Committee and as a Weakley County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Holt has received the Tennessee Home Education Association Statesman Award, the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association Legislator of the Year Award, an Honorary State FFA Degree, the Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance Legislative Leader Award, the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association Legislator of the Year Award, and Vance Publishing's "40 Under 40" Award for Agriculture, in addition to being named the national winner of the American Farm Bureau Federation's Excellence in Agriculture Award in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Representative Holt is a family man and community leader, and he has proven that citizens can make a difference by being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, a farmer, businessman, and adjunct instructor of Business, Government, and Economics at Bethel University, Andy Holt obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics and Business from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2004 and his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 2007; and

WHEREAS, a member and deacon at Long Heights Baptist Church in McKenzie, Representative Holt is a member of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, the Obion County Chamber of Commerce, the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, the Carroll County Republican Party, the Obion County Republican Party, the Weakley County Republican Party, Tennessee Farm Bureau, Tennessee Young Farmers and Ranchers, Tennessee Farm Fresh, the Tennessee Agritourism Association, the Tennessee Pork Producers Association, the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association, the Dresden Rotary Club, The Heritage Foundation, the National FFA Alumni Association, Tennessee Right to Life, the National Rifle Association, Beta

Gamma Sigma-International Business Studies Society, and the National Federation of Independent Business; and

WHEREAS, Representative Andy Holt has also served on the board of directors of the State Agriculture and Rural Leaders (SARL) and the Tennessee State Fair; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Representative Andy Holt 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, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Andy Holt is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Ellie, and their seven children, Josie, Andrew Jr., Libby, Martha Ann, Sammy, Anderson, and Lottie; and

WHEREAS, Representative Andy Holt 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Andy Holt 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 76th 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.