

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8017 of the Second Extraordinary Session

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mayor Lane Curlee of Tullahoma on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Lane Curlee is one such estimable person who has served a total of eighteen years as Mayor of the City of Tullahoma, from which position he will retire when his current term concludes after the August 2020 election; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Mayor Curlee has provided solid leadership and thoughtful guidance for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the longest-serving mayor in Tullahoma's history, Mayor Curlee was first elected to the office of mayor in August 1993 and was re-elected for two additional terms in 1996 and 1999; and

WHEREAS, Lane Curlee began his storied career in public office at the age of twenty-seven, when he ran for the office of alderman for the City of Tullahoma; after winning that first election, he went on to serve a total of five years as an alderman; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Curlee also served the citizens of the 47th House District and this legislative body with honor and ability as a member of the 94th, 95th, 96th, and 97th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Lane Curlee was a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic life of Coffee and Grundy counties, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, in August 2011, Mr. Curlee was elected to a fourth term as mayor of Tullahoma, and he has held the position since, serving the needs of his community with purpose, integrity, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, one of Mayor Curlee's basic philosophies is to be enthusiastic, optimistic, and positive, believing that citizens look to their community leaders for guidance and often reflect their attitudes. He encourages elected officials to always be positive and encouraging at council meetings and community meetings because, while enthusiasm does not guarantee success, a lack of enthusiasm almost always guarantees failure; and

WHEREAS, his tireless efforts on behalf of the City of Tullahoma played a significant role in numerous civic developments, including improvements to the city's Grider Stadium; historic preservation initiatives and enhancement of the South Jackson Civic Center; and construction of Johnson Lane Sports Complex, Splash Island, Sunrise Rotary Disc Golf Course, a new park in East Tullahoma, the city's greenway system of trails, and a much-needed dog park at Waggoner Park; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Curlee also oversaw the conversion of all the city's street lights to energy-efficient LED lighting systems, resulting in a savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and spearheaded the current construction of a new 10,000-square-foot Tullahoma Police Department; and

WHEREAS, a few of the many significant initiatives launched by Mayor Curlee include the Clean Up Tullahoma program, Tullahoma Go Green!, Tullahoma Arts Council, Tullahoma Tourism Council, Tullahoma Get Fit!, and an entrepreneurship initiative; and

WHEREAS, Lane Curlee is a graduate of Tullahoma High School and Middle Tennessee State University, where he majored in management and finance; and

WHEREAS, exemplifying the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Lane Curlee enjoys the love and support he shares with his wife, Evelyn, their two children, Rob and Rosalyn, and their two granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure, Mr. Curlee has carried out his responsibilities as Mayor of the City of Tullahoma with diligence and integrity; his remarkable

success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, a strong advocate for the citizens of Tullahoma, Mayor Curlee has compiled a singular record of success during his exemplary public service career, and he should be specially recognized; 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 honor and commend Lane Curlee for his eighteen years of meritorious service as Mayor of the City of Tullahoma and extend our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

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.