

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8022 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Hardaway

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Rick Staples 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 Rick Staples of Knoxville 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 Staples has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Knox 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, Rick Staples has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 15th House District, whom he has served as a member of the 110th and 111th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service, Rick Staples 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 Staples has rendered sterling service as a member of the House Commerce Committee, the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the House State Committee, the House Consumer and Human Resources Committee, the

House Health Committee, the House Calendar and Rules Committee, the House Consumer and Human Resources Subcommittee, the House Banking and Investments Subcommittee, the House Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee, the House Departments and Agencies Subcommittee, and the Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Rick Staples has received the Community Service Award, the Martin Luther King Distinguished Service Award, the Beta Theta Boule Award, CALS Leadership Award, the Emerging Leaders Award, and the Outstanding Mentor Award, and he has been recognized as the Volunteer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Representative Staples is a family man, businessman, 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, Rick Staples is an account executive and a graduate of Holston High School and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Representative Staples is a member of 100 Blackmen of Greater Knoxville Tennessee, Inc., A-1 Learning Institute, Leadership Knoxville, East Knox Lions Club, East Knox Rotary Club, Knoxville Botanical Gardens, C.C. Russell Masonic Lodge #262, Plan East Tennessee, the Knoxville Chapter of the NAACP, Knoxville Neighborhood Working Group, and the Knoxville District Baptist Association; he serves on the board of directors of Baby Roadrunners, the League of Women Voters, and CAC; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Representative Rick Staples 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, Rick Staples is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his four children; and

WHEREAS, Representative Rick Staples 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 Rick Staples 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 15th 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.