

HOUSE RESOLUTION 27

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to recognize Paul Korth on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, after twenty-four years of distinguished service at Cookeville Regional Medical Center (CRMC), the last ten years of which he has served as chief executive officer, Paul Korth will be taking his much-deserved retirement on May 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Korth's healthcare career began some thirty-six years ago as chief financial officer at Clay County Hospital and then Livingston Regional Hospital; he joined the administration of CRMC in 1999 as chief financial officer and was appointed interim chief executive officer by the hospital's board of trustees in 2012, a position made permanent a few months later in 2013; and

WHEREAS, as CEO, Mr. Korth has led CRMC toward even greater success as a regional referral center, having recently invested more than \$50 million in capital projects, including a new vascular lab, a cardiovascular operating room expansion, a new computer operating system, renovations of cardiac catheterization labs, and numerous equipment purchases to expand services; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his responsibility for overseeing all aspects of the 269-bed medical center, Paul Korth also oversees Cookeville Regional Medical Group and the Cookeville Regional Charitable Foundation; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated member of his profession, Mr. Korth serves on the Tennessee Hospital Association's board of directors, including one year as chairman; he is newly elected to the American Hospital Association as a state delegate on the Regional Policy Board, and he serves on the Tennessee Perinatal Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Korth was previously appointed by Governor Bill Lee to serve two three-year terms on the Tennessee Health Services and Development Agency's board of directors; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Paul Korth is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Janice; son, Wes; daughter-in-law, Katie; daughter, Macey; and grandson, Cameron; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Korth exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Paul Korth has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Paul Korth 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.