

HOUSE RESOLUTION 110

By Mitchell

A RESOLUTION to honor Representative Gary Moore on his contributions to Paradise Ridge Park.

WHEREAS, this body takes great pleasure in paying homage to a former colleague who has demonstrated a profound concern for our environment, our youth, our senior citizens, our veterans, and in fact, all citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, while serving as a legislator, Gary Moore obtained grant funding for Paradise Ridge Park; there had been many unsuccessful efforts to transform this property into a city park until Mr. Moore assumed the reins of leadership and saw the project through to fruition; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Mr. Moore founded the nonprofit organization Friends of Paradise Ridge Park to raise funds to assist in equipping this new Metro Nashville Park in Joelton, where he resides; and

WHEREAS, Representative Moore retired from the Nashville Fire Department in September 2011, with the rank of captain and thirty-two years of stalwart service as a firefighter; and

WHEREAS, he then served as president of the Tennessee AFL-CIO from August 2011 through October 2015; and

WHEREAS, a true champion of working men and women, Gary Moore is a member of the Nashville and Middle Tennessee Central Labor Council and the Tennessee State Employees Association and past president of the Nashville Fire Fighters Union IAFF Local 140, the Tennessee Professional Fire Fighters Association, and the Southern Federation of Professional Fire Fighters and has received numerous awards for his labor involvement; and

WHEREAS, Gary Moore was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in November 2004 and served with distinction for four consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on Capitol Hill, he was a member of the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee, House Judiciary Committee, House Subcommittee of Consumer and Employee Affairs, Joint Charitable Gaming Committee, and Joint Committee on Diabetes Prevention and served his party as treasurer of the House Democratic Caucus and the House-Senate Democratic Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Representative Moore gives back to his community as a member of the Joelton Civitan Club, Whites Creek Community Club, and RURAL; he is a past member of the Executive Committee of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Davidson County Democratic Executive Committee, representing District One; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a devoted public servant and seasoned charitable fundraiser who is always willing to assist with a worthy cause, Gary Moore organized and is involved in the citizens environmental group Concerned Citizens for a Safe Environment, which is working to stop a gas compressor station from being placed in a residential community; and

WHEREAS, he is also a founding member of Get Kids Hooked on Fishing Instead of Drugs and organized Property Tax Assistance, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides tax assistance to low-income senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore express his faith as a member of First Baptist Church of Joelton; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Gary Moore is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he receives from his wife of forty-eight years, Gloria; their children, Kimberly (Courtney) Taylor and Gary (Stacey) Moore, Jr.; and their grandchildren, Savannah Taylor, Jackson Taylor, Courtney Moore, and Pierce Moore; and

WHEREAS, for forty years, Gary Moore has rendered compassionate and effective public service on the local, state, and regional levels, and he should be commended upon his latest work with Paradise Ridge Park; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor our valued colleague Representative Gary Moore on his vital role in founding Paradise Ridge Park and his many contributions to this new Metro Nashville park and wish him all the best 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.