

HOUSE RESOLUTION 129

By Hodges

A RESOLUTION to recognize David Bilan of Clarksville 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 years of industry; and

WHEREAS, David Bilan is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for more than thirty-six years as an employee of the federal government, including twenty-eight years of service at Fort Campbell; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bilan rendered sterling service as an Installation Visual Information Manager, personally documenting history in video and stills of Screaming Eagle soldiers of the 101st Airborne in combat zones, including Haiti and Afghanistan, as well as producing training, historical, and informational videos; and

WHEREAS, David Bilan has also spent a decade producing videos recognizing Fort Campbell volunteers and the Fort Campbell Civilian Employee of the Year in addition to providing support for children, who are exceptional family members; his work has increased the combat readiness of the soldiers and elevated the morale of volunteers, family members, and civilian workers, making Fort Campbell and the surrounding community a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of the Clarksville community, he participates in numerous worthy organizations, including 4 Paws for Reading library program and Clarksville Tender Paws, an animal-assisted therapy group, where he and his dog, Buddy, visit area schools, nursing homes, hospices, and Grief Summer Camp to provide love and stress reduction for sick and/or emotionally stressed individuals in addition to teaching children about interaction with animals; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong magician, David Bilan has donated his time and talents to perform at a number of Clarksville city events, including Riverfest, as well as fundraising efforts for such charitable causes as the Muscular Dystrophy Association in both Clarksville and Nashville; and

WHEREAS, David Bilan exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, David Bilan has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to David Bilan 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.