

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to commend John David Douglas for his honorable and astute service to the people of Somerville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, John David Douglas of Somerville is one such dedicated servant leader, a man of ability and integrity in the public sector, who has served with distinction on the Town of Somerville Board of Mayor and Aldermen for forty-six consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, a highly successful businessman, Mr. Douglas began his career at Somerville Bank & Trust in 1970; he served as president and CEO of Somerville Bank & Trust from 2003 until 2014, when an operational merger saw him become the Fayette County President of Trustmark Bank-Somerville; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, John David Douglas was first elected to serve the Town of Somerville in May 1974 and recently took his much-deserved retirement from that august body, having served as both an alderman and as vice mayor during his historic tenure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Douglas added greatly to the financial stability of the city, having served on every committee on the Somerville Board of Mayor and Aldermen at some time during his tenure, rendering sterling service as vice mayor and as chairman of the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, he is especially proud of the establishment of the University of Tennessee at Martin Somerville Center and counts the completion of a number of large sewer projects, gas projects, and square enhancement projects among his many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, upon completing his distinguished public service career, Mr. Douglas was honored by the Town of Somerville with a plaque of appreciation, expressing the community's thanks for his exemplary high standards of professional excellence, integrity, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Douglas's 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, devoted to his family, John David Douglas is fortunate to share the love and support of his wife of fifty-one years, Linda Gail Littleton Douglas; his son and daughter-in-law, David and Erin Douglas; his daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Matt Cox; and his grandchildren, Harrison, Anna Rollins, Will, and Louise; and

WHEREAS, John David Douglas 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; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend John David Douglas for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Somerville and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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.