

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Chris Bundgaard of the Capitol Hill Press Corps on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor a journalist who has performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Capitol Hill Press Corps member Chris Bundgaard began his well-deserved retirement from WKRN on December 31, 2020, bringing to a close more than four decades in television news; and

WHEREAS, a native of Minnesota, Mr. Bundgaard studied psychology at St. Olaf College and became interested in journalism while attending graduate school at the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Chris Bundgaard began his journalism career with stints in Corpus Christi, Texas, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Minnesota's Twin Cities before joining WKRN News 2 in Nashville thirty-three years ago; he has worked at the station as a reporter, producer, and assignment editor, at times juggling all three positions simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, for the last four years, Mr. Bundgaard has been WKRN's State Capitol Reporter, providing viewers across the State with important information each day from Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Bundgaard has been honored for reporting, writing, and producing newscasts in both Tennessee and Utah; he is the recipient of several Edward R. Murrow regional awards, Emmys, and Tennessee Associated Press Broadcast Awards; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Chris Bundgaard has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and his viewers; 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 extend to Chris Bundgaard 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.