

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 47

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Steve Curry for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

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, Mr. Steve Curry is one such individual, who has served the good people of this State with distinction and the greatest integrity; and

WHEREAS, throughout his more than forty-one years of exemplary service with the Tennessee Department of Treasury, a career spanning the tenures of four different State Treasurers, Mr. Curry distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curry astutely served in numerous capacities within the Treasury Department, including as director of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System for twelve years and, more recently, as First Deputy Treasurer, in which position he had oversight of all programs in the Department of Treasury, including the State's pension plan, the State's investment programs, the unclaimed property program, the State employee workers' compensation program, the State's risk management insurance program, the criminal injuries compensation program, the State's 529 college savings plans, and the higher education chairs of excellence endowment program; and

WHEREAS, Steve Curry has also lent his time and tremendous talents to a number of governmental organizations, including seven years of service on the Executive Committee of the National Council on Teacher Retirement, as Secretary Treasurer of the National Council on Teacher Retirement, and as President of the National Council on Teacher Retirement; and

WHEREAS, graduating cum laude from Western Kentucky University in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in accounting, Mr. Curry thereafter obtained certifications as a Public Accountant (CPA), Government Financial Manager (CGFM), Employee Benefits Specialist (CEBS), and Cash Manager (CCM); and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of citizenship, Mr. Curry has generously donated his time and energies to many community and civic organizations; he currently serves as Chair of the Pension Committee of the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church; in the past, he has served as the Treasurer of the Brelen Park Homeowners Association, Treasurer of the Overton High School PTA/PTO, and Little League coach for the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout Christian faith, Steve Curry is a member of the Crieviewood United Methodist Church, where he currently serves as Chair of the Finance Committee and previously served as the Church Treasurer, Treasurer of the Men's Club, Treasurer of the New Creations Sunday School Class, and Superintendent of the Sunday School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curry'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, which Mr. Curry attributes to his beloved parents, Raymond and Doretta Curry; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Steve Curry is perhaps most grateful and appreciative of the love and support of his wife of thirty-nine years, Mary; his two wonderful children, Spence and Sam; and his much-adored grandchildren, Abbigail and Hunter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curry's prolific tenure with the Department of Treasury will never be equaled, and his retirement from State government has created a void that will not be easily filled; his considerable talents and presence are sorely missed, by not only the Department of Treasury, but all departments of State government and the good people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure, Mr. Curry demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the public alike, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Mr. Steve Curry for his meritorious service, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service to the people of this State, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.