

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 47

By White

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Gordon Ferguson upon being named the 2018 Business Legend by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Gordon Ferguson, who was recently named the 2018 Business Legend by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ferguson will be honored at the Chamber of Commerce's Business at its Best celebration on January 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Ferguson serves as the president and chief executive officer of Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital and president of the Saint Thomas Regional Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson received a bachelor's degree in business administration with honors from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, before earning a master's degree in hospital and health administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Ferguson is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a past president of the Healthcare Executive Forum of Middle Tennessee. He currently serves as a board member of the American Heart Association, Rutherford County and the Alive Hospice Murfreesboro Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to his community, Gordon Ferguson was the 2011 chairman of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He currently serves as a board member and executive committee member of the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties, in addition to serving as a board member for Leadership Middle Tennessee and the Franklin Synergy Bank Community Board; and

WHEREAS, the vice chair of the Tennessee Board of Education, Mr. Ferguson is also a board member of the Business Education Partnership Foundation, the University of Tennessee Knoxville Alumni Association, the University of Tennessee President's Council, and the University of Alabama-Birmingham Graduate Program in Healthcare Administration Alumni Board; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Ferguson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his notable accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Cindy, and their two sons, Robbie and Andy; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Gordon Ferguson for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in Rutherford County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Gordon Ferguson upon being named the 2018 Business Legend by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in all 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.