

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 51

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bobby J. Raines for his service to the State of Tennessee on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those public servants who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Bobby J. Raines is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-seven years as a facilities manager for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC); and

WHEREAS, a 1959 graduate of Morristown High School, Mr. Raines continues to further his education at Walters State Community College and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in pursuit of an associate degree; and

WHEREAS, with an unwavering sense of duty and patriotism, Mr. Raines honorably served in the United States Army Security Agency as a teletype intercept operator in Japan, having top secret crypto clearance and twelve men under his command; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Bobby Raines started honing his craft of construction masonry at Bible and Godwin Construction Company before opening Wilmeth and Raines Construction Company with a partner in 1973. He later started his own firm, Raines Construction Company in 1981; and

WHEREAS, having attained a keen knowledge of the industry, Mr. Raines taught construction masonry at Morristown State Vocational School from 1982 to 1986, passing on his superb know-how of trowel trades, brick laying, block, stone, ceramic tile, and the pouring and finishing of concrete; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Raines would get a glimpse of things to come when he began his first tenure with TDEC in 1986, spending nearly nine years as a facilities supervisor. With

acumen and alacrity, he determined building maintenance needs, guided a staff of six, and assured that safety codes and guidelines were met; and

WHEREAS, from the mid-to-late 1990s, Mr. Raines delved back into the private sector and worked as the vice president of facilities services for Holston Homes and then later returned to his own Raines Construction Company; and

WHEREAS, in January of 1999, Bobby Raines returned to TDEC as a facilities manager for the East Tennessee Regional Maintenance Office. In that esteemed position, he oversaw twenty-three state parks and a dedicated staff, coordinating major maintenance of all structures on state park property to assure they were not in disrepair, up to code, and met the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband and father, Bobby Raines enjoys the companionship of his wife, Barbara Raines, and the love of his family, including daughter and son-in-law, Brooke and Jeremy Green, and granddaughter, Aubrey; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Raines has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; 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 and commend Bobby J. Raines on the occasion of his retirement after twenty-seven years of meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and we extend to him our heartfelt 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.