

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 51

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to commend John Morgan for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Comptroller of the Treasury.

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 Morgan is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary ten-year tenure as Comptroller of the Treasury, John Morgan has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, a Tennessee native born in Nashville on January 4, 1952, John Morgan received his Bachelor of Science degree from Austin Peay State University in 1974 and did graduate work at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana from 1974 to 76; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan began his employment with the State of Tennessee as a research assistant for the Fiscal Review Committee for the Tennessee General Assembly in 1976 before joining the Department of Finance and Administration in 1978; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, John Morgan accepted the position of administrative assistant to the State Treasurer, serving in that capacity until 1982 when he was named Assistant Director for Bond Finance in the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, named Director of Bond Finance in 1983, Mr. Morgan would serve in that capacity until January of 1987 when he would assume the additional duties of Assistant to the Comptroller, serving in a dual capacity until October of 1987; and

WHEREAS, later that year, John Morgan left state government for the private sector when he was named Vice-President, Director of Public Finance, for Third National Bank,

remaining there until February of 1989 when he was named Executive Assistant to the Comptroller of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, serving as Executive Assistant to legendary Comptroller William Snodgrass, Mr. Morgan continued to build upon his sterling reputation as an extremely competent fiscal expert, an efficient administrator, and a truly dedicated state employee; and

WHEREAS, John Morgan was elected Comptroller of the Treasury in January 1999 by the 101st General Assembly and was subsequently re-elected by the 102nd, 103rd, 104th and 105th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, a member of the American Society of Public Administration and the National State Auditors Association, Comptroller Morgan served on the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers and is a former member of the Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool and the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund; and

WHEREAS, John Morgan'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, Mr. Morgan is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, John Morgan is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Donna Akin Morgan, their two sons, Brian and Kevin, and their beloved granddaughter, Ava; and

WHEREAS, John Morgan 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Mr. John Morgan for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Comptroller of the Treasury, salute his unswerving

commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for 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.