

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 52

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A RESOLUTION to honor Randy Shackelford on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those worthy professionals who have worked with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Randy Shackelford, a certified quality engineer and certified manager of quality and organizational excellence, has been a valuable employee of Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) since 1983; he is now taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shackelford has distinguished himself throughout more than thirty-seven years of nuclear industry experience, specializing in nuclear safety, regulatory, and licensing for fuel development and production, more than thirty-two years of management oversight and supervisory experience, and twenty-four years of managing the nuclear criticality safety function; and

WHEREAS, he began his illustrious career at NFS as a quality control engineer and was promoted to nuclear safety engineer in 1989; and

WHEREAS, from 1996-2000, Mr. Shackelford was nuclear safety manager and then served as nuclear criticality safety manager for ten years; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, he has rendered his usual outstanding performance as nuclear safety and licensing manager; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the training he received from his employer, Mr. Shackelford has attended numerous seminars, society meetings, and workshops in the areas of nuclear management, engineering, and safety and presently serves as the vice chair of the American Nuclear Society's (ANS) Nuclear Criticality Safety Consensus Standards Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Shackelford was honored as an employee that best represented the "Accountability" Nuclear Safety core value; and

WHEREAS, he also successfully petitioned the ANS to designate NFS as a Nuclear Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, Randy Shackelford received his bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics from Maryville College and pursued postgraduate studies in chemical engineering and nuclear physics at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, an avid outdoor and exercise enthusiast; he formed and established the NFS Fitness Club in 1984 and served as its first president; and

WHEREAS, Randy Shackelford enjoys swimming, cycling, running, tennis, downhill and cross country skiing, hiking, and alpine climbing; has competed in twenty-three marathons; including two Boston Marathons; competed in more than fifty triathlons; and climbed Mt. Rainier in 2010; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments and accolades aside, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Cathie, who he first met at NFS; his son, Michael Birchfield; and his granddaughter, Kaitlyn Birchfield; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Randy Shackelford has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and employers alike, and he should be recognized on this special occasion; 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 honor and commend Randy Shackelford upon his exemplary career in nuclear safety and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness during his retirement.

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.