

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Robert E. Pratt II on being named the Tennessee Communicator of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we 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 noteworthy person is Robert E. Pratt II, who was recently named the Tennessee Communicator of the Year by the Tennessee Communication Association; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award honors someone who, by service or performance, has contributed substantially to the purposes of communication in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, devoted to promoting excellence in communications, Mr. Pratt is dean of the Division of Humanities and an associate professor of speech at Walters State Community College, where he has served as coach of the school's award-winning debate team; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming a full-time faculty member at Walters State in 2015, he served as assistant director of public information for the institution; he previously worked as a news anchor and reporter at WJHL in Johnson City and at WVLT in Knoxville and spent time as a practicing attorney and adjunct faculty member at Walters State; and

WHEREAS, he holds an Associate of Science degree in General Studies, a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications from East Tennessee State University, a Master of Arts degree in Communication from Morehead State University, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Rob Pratt epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Pratt for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Robert E. Pratt II on being named the Tennessee Communicator of the Year by the Tennessee Communication Association and extend to him our best wishes for much 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.