

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 73

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A RESOLUTION to commend Larry Martin for honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Larry Martin has served as commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration for more than five years; he will soon leave this position, bringing to a close an exemplary tenure of devoted, capable service to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Larry Martin was appointed to head the Department of Finance and Administration by Governor Bill Haslam in August 2013, and since that time, he has guided the department with intellect, drive, commitment, and an affinity for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a native of Jackson, Commissioner Larry Martin received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee College of Business; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Martin joined First Horizon/First Tennessee Bank in 1969, and he moved to Knoxville in 1987 when he was named president of First Tennessee Bank Knoxville; he retired as chief operating officer of First Tennessee Financial Services; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished professional, Commissioner Larry Martin served as deputy to Knoxville mayors Bill Haslam and Daniel Brown from 2006 until 2011; he was responsible for finance, public works, community development, information systems, purchasing, and risk management for the City of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Martin joined Governor Haslam's office in 2012 to work with the Department of Human Resources on the implementation of the Tennessee Excellence and

Accountability Act, which included a comprehensive review of compensation and benefits throughout state government; and

WHEREAS, a respected and trusted leader, Commissioner Larry Martin was named interim commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration in June 2013, and he was named commissioner two months later; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Commissioner Martin is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Jane; their daughters, Hope and Meg; and their five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Larry Martin 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Larry Martin for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration and wish him all the best 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.