

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 86

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. C.H. Charlton on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. C.H. Charlton is one such estimable person, who has taken his much-deserved retirement after serving with faith and probity as pastor of Friendship Baptist Church for nearly forty-three years; and

WHEREAS, a pastor for fifty-five years, Dr. Charlton previously led churches in Virginia; he also served as the first African-American member of the board of education in Radford, Virginia, before becoming the city's first African-American mayor; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, he also served on the Johnson City school board for five years and the Johnson City Regional Planning Commission for six years, including one year as chairman; he served one term on the Johnson City Commission, including two years as vice mayor; and

WHEREAS, a prolific author, Dr. C.H. Charlton served as a professor at Northeast State Community College and member of the inaugural admissions committee for East Tennessee State University's Gatton College of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable and devout career as a pastor, Dr. C.H. Charlton has evinced the utmost spirituality, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his congregation; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are delighted to recognize this committed Christian leader for his service to his community and to the congregation of Friendship Baptist Church; 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 honor and commend Dr. C.H. Charlton upon the occasion of his retirement and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.