

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 175

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tre Hargett, Secretary of State, on the celebration of his fiftieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Secretary of State Tre Hargett will celebrate his fiftieth birthday on February 7, 2019, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born on February 7, 1969, at Parkview Hospital in Dyersburg, Tre Hargett is a 1987 graduate of Ripley High School; he received his Bachelor of Business Administration with Honors and his Master of Business Administration degrees from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, drawn to a life of public service, Tre Hargett was elected by the citizens of the 97th House District to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1996, rendering sterling service as a highly respected member of the 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, and 104th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded and greatly admired by his colleagues in the House of Representatives, Mr. Hargett served as Republican House Leader during his time in office; and

WHEREAS, after ending his legislative service, Tre Hargett was appointed by Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey to serve as chairman of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee elected Tre Hargett to the esteemed position of Secretary of State, in which position he oversees the Department of State, with more than 300 employees and an annual budget of \$30 million; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as Secretary of State, he also serves on the boards and commissions of fifteen state agencies with a broad range of responsibilities, including the State Building Commission, the State Funding Board, the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, and the Tennessee Housing Development Agency; and

WHEREAS, a national leader, Mr. Hargett is a past president of the National Association of Secretaries of State and a member of that august organization's Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Secretary of State Hargett is a Hunt-Kean Fellow, an Aspen Institute Rodell Fellow, and a Council of State Governors Henry Toll Fellow; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 1994, he was joined in marriage with Dawn Simbeck, and the couple's blessed union produced two children, Cole Morgan Hargett and Connor Daniel Hargett; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; 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 congratulate Tre Hargett on the celebration of his fiftieth birthday and extend to him our best 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.