

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 197

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to recognize Alvin Raymond Dunn, Sr., on the occasion of his retirement from the Bledsoe County Election Commission.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Raymond Dunn, Sr., a former member of the Bledsoe County Election Commission, is one such estimable person who served the county with distinction; and

WHEREAS, after thirty-four years of distinguished service, Mr. Dunn took a much deserved retirement on April 9, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Dunn was born on August 16, 1933, to Samuel and Rosa Swafford Dunn, and was raised in the Luminary community of Bledsoe County, in which he still resides; and

WHEREAS, he served in the United States Army with valor and pride from 1952-53, during which time he was stationed in Austria and Germany; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunn served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of the Hiwassee Land Company, also known as Bowater, from which he retired after forty years of outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, he began his service as a member of the Bledsoe County Election Commission, the position he served estimably for more than three decades and most of which he served as Chairman, and the position from which he retired in 2009; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and devout member of the Frostbite House of Prayer, which he serves as a Deacon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunn enjoys studying the Bible, hunting, and gardening; and

WHEREAS, he is also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Dunn enjoyed forty-seven years of marriage with his wife, Louise Kerley Dunn, until her passing on October 15, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the couple's blessed union produced five children, James Alvin Dunn, Linda Jean Dunn Berube, Connie Sue Dunn Payne, Alvin Raymond Dunn, Jr., and Patricia Ann Dunn Bice, who passed away on July 28, 2006; and nine grandchildren, Joshua Andrew Dunn, Timothy Paul Berube, Jr., Aaron James Dunn, Shawn Adam Bice, Candace Marie Payne Davis, Shane Matthew Bice, Chloe Brooke Payne, Haley Jade Berube, and Wendy Mae Berube; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Dunn exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Dunn demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the good people of Bledsoe County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Alvin Raymond Dunn, Sr., our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success 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.