

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 283

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Dennis A. Wolford on the occasion of his retirement as chief executive officer and administrator of Macon County General Hospital.

WHEREAS, it is a privilege for the members of this General Assembly to honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Dennis A. Wolford, who recently announced his retirement as chief executive officer (CEO) and administrator of Macon County General Hospital, a position in which he has served with distinction since 1984; and

WHEREAS, in his roles as CEO and administrator, Mr. Wolford has served as chief spokesman for Macon County General Hospital; he has led the hospital's support of the healthcare needs of the community and has served on statewide boards to voice the concerns and needs of rural hospitals; and

WHEREAS, under Dennis A. Wolford's leadership, the healthcare needs of his community have seen significant improvements in access and services available; and

WHEREAS, before joining Macon County General Hospital, Mr. Wolford was administrator of McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville, Indiana; he started the first countywide EMS in Indiana, which was replicated throughout the state, and oversaw a major building project for the hospital; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining McCray Memorial Hospital, Dennis Wolford served as assistant administrator for Byron Healthcare in Fort Wayne, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from Tusculum College, Mr. Wolford worked for the Government Accountability Office in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, a proven leader in his community, Dennis A. Wolford has served as an officer and active participant of the Lafayette Rotary Club, Macon County Chamber of Commerce, Macon County Senior Citizens Center, Macon County Health Council, Hope Family Services FQHC, Macon County Planning Commission, Macon County Industrial Development Board, Hartsville campus of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology, and the Makin' Macon Fit annual fitness event; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wolford has served this State as a member of the Tennessee Hospital Association (THA) Council on Clinical and Professional Practices, the THA board of directors, and the board of Tennessee Rural Partnership; and

WHEREAS, known for his dedication to his profession and those he serves, Dennis Wolford has received numerous awards, including the Rural Health Association of Tennessee Worker of the Year, the AI Grant Award for Distinguished Service, the Tennessee Hospital Association Distinguished Service Award, and the American College of Healthcare Executive Regents Award; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Wolford is a published author, whose works have appeared in the *Journal of the American Hospital Association*; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Dennis A. Wolford has demonstrated the highest level of professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of his coworkers, colleagues, and those he has served; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and honor Dennis A. Wolford on the occasion of his retirement, commend him on his exemplary tenure as chief executive officer and administrator of Macon County General Hospital, and extend to him 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.