

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 432

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Lyle Doty for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as chairman of the Hamblen County Election Commission.

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

WHEREAS, Lyle Doty of Hamblen County is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a longtime member of the Hamblen County Election Commission, Mr. Doty recently stepped down as chairman of that august body; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as chairman of the Hamblen County Election Commission, Lyle Doty distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, born in Greene County in 1925, Mr. Doty proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II, seeing duty as a coxswain on a landing craft in the Marshall Islands after the islands were taken from the Japanese; and

WHEREAS, before relocating to Morristown and Hamblen County, he was employed by North American Philips, later Magnavox, in Greene County, where he served as a district chair for the Greene County Republican Party and as a deputy sheriff and was elected to one term on the Greene County Road Commission; and

WHEREAS, in Hamblen County, Lyle Doty served as chair of the Hamblen County Republican Party in 1976 and was elected to the Hamblen County Commission in 1998 for one term; he also was a member of the Hamblen County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Doty was appointed to the Hamblen County Election Commission in 2005 and plans to remain on the commission "as long as I'm able to function"; and

WHEREAS, Lyle Doty's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Doty is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife of fifty-three years, Hazel; and

WHEREAS, Lyle Doty 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 hereby commend Lyle Doty for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as chairman of the Hamblen County Election Commission and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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