

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 454

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor John J. Sheridan on the occasion of his retirement from The University of Tennessee Medical Center.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize a willing mentor, true gentleman, and dedicated professional with a sound and balanced perspective on the issues of the day; and

WHEREAS, John J. Sheridan is taking a much-deserved retirement from his duties as vice president for community and government relations at The University of Tennessee (UT) Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheridan has expertly handled State and federal government relations for UT Medical Center since 2000, and overall he is a forty-two-year veteran of his alma mater (Bachelor of Arts in Marketing, 1972); and

WHEREAS, from 1975-2000, he worked in a variety of private fundraising capacities for UT, including serving as campaign director/manager for the \$400 million 21st Century Campaign and coordinating fundraising activities for the academic programs for all five UT campuses as senior associate vice president for development; and

WHEREAS, Joe Landsman, chief executive officer of The UT Medical Center has spoken glowingly of Mr. Sheridan and his illustrious tenure: "John has built long-lasting and deep relationships in this community, in the State of Tennessee and nationally, based upon his talent, his credibility and his dedication. John is a tremendous servant leader for the benefit of others in the Knoxville community [and]...is a champion for the healthcare industry to the benefit of the health and welfare of Knoxville, East Tennessee and all citizens of the State of Tennessee."; and

WHEREAS, the epitome of a servant leader in his community, Mr. Sheridan currently serves on the Boy Scouts/Great Smoky Mountain Council, Knoxville Chamber Government Relations Committee, and the boards of Leadership Knoxville, Ronald McDonald House, Tennessee Public and Teaching Hospital Association, and the UT Federal Credit Union; he formerly served on the boards of Cancer Support Community and East Tennessee Catholic Charities; and

WHEREAS, he was a TSSAA football official for twenty-five years and served as a Cub Scout leader with Sacred Heart Cathedral, where he has been a member for many years; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and personal accomplishments aside, John Sheridan is fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife, Carol Curtis Sheridan; their four children, Patrick Sheridan and wife, Karla, Amy Sheridan Suttles, Austin Sheridan, and Daniel Sheridan; and their beautiful granddaughter, Rylee Osmer Sheridan; and

WHEREAS, John Sheridan has served The University of Tennessee and The UT Medical Center with acumen and integrity, and he should be recognized on this special occasion; 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 honor John J. Sheridan on the occasion of his retirement from The University of Tennessee Medical Center, commend his long and faithful service to the university, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in the years to come.

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