

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 462

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to recognize Douglas P. Thurley for his honorable and astute service as Republican Machine Technician with the Wilson 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, Douglas P. Thurley is one such laudable individual who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, born on April 10, 1928, in Edmonton, England, Mr. Thurley graduated from Christ's Hospital in 1944, and began a prestigious engineering apprenticeship at Vickers-Armstrong in Crayford, Kent; and

WHEREAS, answering the call of duty, Douglas Thurley enlisted in the British Army in 1946 and served with courage and honor in both England and Germany; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thurley was joined in holy matrimony with Margaret Smith in 1951, and the blessed union produced three extraordinary children: Shelia, Diane, and Rod; and

WHEREAS, after serving with distinction as a Chassis Engineer at Austin Motor Company for a few years, Douglas Hurley and his young family decided to immigrate to the United States of America in 1956; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Douglas Thurley continued to amass an impressive resume, working assiduously as an employee with a contract engineering firm in Detroit, Michigan, industrial designers Harley-Earl, and Gemmer Gears and earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, relocating to the Volunteer State in 1961, Mr. Thurley served with acumen and alacrity with Ross Gear (now called TRW) and held such notable positions as Chief Product Engineer, Plant Manager, Director of Cam Geers, and Director of Safety, eventually retiring in October of 1988; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional and brilliant engineer, Douglas Thurley was appointed to the distinguished post of Republican Machine Technician with the Wilson County Election Commission in 1994; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure, Mr. Thurley distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community, masterfully maintaining, setting up, and troubleshooting any issues with the voting machines; and

WHEREAS, after sixteen years of invaluable service to his community and state, Douglas Thurley decided to take a much deserved retirement following the 2010 election cycle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thurley'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, Douglas Thurley 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize Douglas P. Thurley for his honorable and astute service as Republican Machine Technician with the Wilson County Election Commission, applaud his dedication to preserving the integrity of our political process, and extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in all 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.