

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 514

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dr. Larry D. Calhoun on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, this body takes great pleasure in recognizing educators who contribute to society in numerous ways and serve as beacons of faithful public service in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such distinguished educator is Dr. Larry D. Calhoun, Dean and Professor of Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, during his remarkable career, Dr. Calhoun has made significant contributions to the people of the Tri-Cities region, East Tennessee State University's faculty and staff, Gatton College of Pharmacy's student pharmacists, and the profession of pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, a native of Carter County, Dr. Calhoun first became interested in the profession of pharmacy while working at the soda counter at Burgie's Drugstore in Elizabethton; he graduated from Hampton High School in 1967, completed his pre-pharmacy training at East Tennessee State University in 1969 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1972, and earned his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in Memphis in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Calhoun has lived and worked in all three grand divisions of the State of Tennessee, as well as Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, but he began his career working as a student pharmacist in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, he then served as Assistant Director and Acting Director of Pharmacy Services at West Side Hospital in Nashville, before moving back to his home of East Tennessee in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Calhoun served the Tri-Cities community in various pharmacy and hospital administration roles at Mountain Home Veterans Administration Hospital, Johnson City Medical Center, Mountain States Health Alliance, Unicoi County Memorial Hospital, and Wilson Pharmacy and Home Health, before becoming the Founding Dean and Professor of Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure as Dean of the Gatton College of Pharmacy, Dr. Calhoun has been committed to creating a culture of distinction in preparing student pharmacists for a profession he holds in high esteem; and

WHEREAS, he led the Gatton College of Pharmacy to full accreditation status in 2010; successfully graduated 442 students; developed dual-degree programs to expand student professional opportunities; advanced the level of practice in the region through establishment of a post-graduate residency program; oversaw the growth of the College's reputation, as evidenced by an enrollment that has attracted students from thirty-three states across the nation; and expanded the College's influence globally through the creation of an international exchange program in which forty-three students have participated; and

WHEREAS, Dean Calhoun has created a unique culture marked by student-centeredness and a family-like environment among students, faculty, staff, alumni, and donors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Calhoun has been honored with the 2016 Outstanding Dean Award by the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists for his promotion of the welfare of student pharmacists through various community service, leadership, and professional activities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Calhoun has worked with purpose and commitment to advance the pharmacy profession and has stalwartly supported his family, fellow pharmacists, friends and colleagues, countless student pharmacists, and numerous patients; and

WHEREAS, he is fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife, Kathryn Kendall Calhoun; his children, McKenzie Calhoun, PharmD, and Whitney and John Goetz; and his soon-to-be-born grandson, George Calhoun Goetz; and

WHEREAS, having attained the pinnacle of his profession, Dr. Calhoun is answering the tantalizing call of retirement; and

WHEREAS, his presence will most certainly be missed, and it is only proper that we commend his probity, acumen, and hard work as he departs the Bill Gatton School of Pharmacy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Dr. Larry D. Calhoun upon his illustrious career in higher education and the profession of pharmacy, thank him for his exemplary service as Founding Dean of the Bill Gatton School of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University, and wish him much continued success and happiness during his retirement.

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