

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 596

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize David Watson of the Community Design Center on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, David Watson is one such estimable person who served with distinction for eleven years as the Executive Director of the Community Design Center (CDC) in Knoxville, Tennessee and took his much deserved retirement in December of 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson began his career in electrical design and construction in Knoxville and across East Tennessee in 1975 as an associate with the electrical engineering firm Vreeland Associates. In 1986, he became a founding partner of Engineering Services Group PC prior to being named to head the Community Design Center in 2001; and

WHEREAS, a Certified Charrette Planner by the National Charrette Institute, David Watson was instrumental in forging a new path for the Community Design Center and helped develop a number of important initiatives in downtown Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson's major projects with the CDC include the Knoxville Alleyways Study, the Façade Enhancement Program, the Lonsdale Neighborhood Plan, Infill Housing Guidelines Development, Downtown Knoxville Media Boxes, Downtown Dog Park Plan, Old City Streetscapes, Good Samaritan of Loudon County Renovation, Oakwood Elementary School Redevelopment Study, and the Historic Knoxville High School Redevelopment Study; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Leadership Knoxville and the East Tennessee Regional Leadership program, Mr. Watson is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the PlanET Community

Leadership Team, the Public Arts Committee, and Knox County 3 Ridges greens committee where he served as finance committee chair; and

WHEREAS, David Watson exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, David Watson has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Knoxville; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to David Watson 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.