

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 617

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to commend James Hal Wallace, Jr., for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the State 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, James Hal "Jimmy" Wallace, Jr., is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Wallace has served as a member of the State Election Commission since 1995 and became the first Republican chairman of that esteemed body in 2009, when the GOP gained control as the majority party in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a member and chairman of the State Election Commission, Mr. Wallace has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, born on February 28, 1942, in Jackson, Jimmy Wallace is the son of James Hal and Frances Hurt Wallace; he received his Bachelor of Arts degree and Juris Doctorate degree from Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his law degree, Mr. Wallace proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1967 to 1968 and was later commissioned as a lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Naval Reserve, which he served from 1968 to 1973 before receiving his honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to civilian life, Jimmy Wallace became a practicing attorney and real estate developer, operating a partnership with his father, Wallace and Son Company; he also served as president of Hamilton Hills Development Company; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who has rendered sterling service to the State of Tennessee in numerous capacities, Mr. Wallace was a member of the House of Representatives during the 89<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, 91<sup>st</sup>, 92<sup>nd</sup> and 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assemblies, during which time he served as a member of the House Judiciary Committee, the House Conservation and Environment Committee, the House State and Local Government Committee, and the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, a former chairman of the Madison County Republican Party, Jimmy Wallace has been actively involved in countless political campaigns and served as rural West Tennessee Coordinator for Senator Fred Thompson and campaign manager for Senator Bill Frist; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Madison County Quarterly Court from 1972 to 1974, Mr. Wallace has been an active member of the Jackson Lions Club, the American Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, and the Madison County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Wallace'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, Jimmy Wallace is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Sally Roland Wallace, and their daughter, Lee Ellen, and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Wallace 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend James Hal Wallace, Jr., for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as a member of the State 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.