

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 830

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bob Booker upon his receipt of the 2018 Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Bob Booker, who was recently named the recipient of Leadership Blount's 2018 Community Leadership Award, an honor most befitting his devoted service to the citizens of Blount County; and

WHEREAS, established by Leadership Blount in 2000, the Community Leadership Award recognizes individuals whose sustained actions and leadership reflect the commitment to lifelong service that is promoted by the organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Booker is the Senior Manager of Legal Services and Corporate Compliance for DENSO Manufacturing Tennessee, Inc.; he holds a law degree, having graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee College of Law, and his previous employment includes service with the United States Army as an intelligence officer and with Lockheed Martin Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Bob Booker has been an adjunct faculty member at the University of Tennessee and currently serves as the board chair for the Blount County Chamber of Commerce and the Richard Williams, Jr., Leadership Development Academy; he also serves on the Executive Committee of the United Way of Blount County and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Blount County and the Japan-American Society of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a public servant of the highest order, Bob Booker has served with Keep Blount Beautiful as vice chair and board member, the Little River Watershed Association as vice chair and board member, Alcoa Elementary School and Heritage Middle School with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and the Boy Scouts of America of Blount County as Good Scouts Dinner chair; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Booker is a member of the 2011 class of Leadership Blount; he has served on the advisory boards of Second Harvest Food Bank, the Helen Ross McNabb BBQ Bash, Mount Laurel Women's Leadership Academy, the Alzheimer's Tennessee Foothills Walk, and the Tommy Hatcher Golf Tournament, as well as the reader advisory board of *The Daily Times*; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed to serve on the State of Tennessee Solid Waste Control Board by Governor Phil Bredesen and has volunteered with Blount County Food Connection, Fall Festival, Maryville First Baptist Church Upward Bound Basketball League, and the Smoky Mountain Softball Classic; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Bob Booker received the top award at the Blount Chamber of Commerce's 2016 membership drive and the United Way of Blount County's Volunteer of the Year Award for 2016, and he has been named Board Member of the Year by both Keep Blount Beautiful and the Little River Watershed Association; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many successes, he has been blessed with the love of his wife, Suzy Garner Booker; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Bob Booker for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; 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 and congratulate Bob Booker upon his receipt of the 2018

Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount, extending our best wishes for much 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.