

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 832

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to recognize Bob McNeill on the occasion of his retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Bob McNeill is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty years as the Washington County/Johnson City 911 director and who will soon be taking his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, hired upon the creation of the Washington County 911 district, Mr. McNeill was instrumental in the formation of the agency; address numbers were assigned to each residence in the county and city to streamline the dispatch of police, fire, and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County 911 district took its first call on November 15, 1988, in the former Ashe Street Courthouse, which was built as a post office in 1910 and renovated to house the new 911 district; and

WHEREAS, after nearly three decades of planning and setting aside capital money, Mr. McNeill organized the purchase of a more centrally located building at 4722 Lake Park Drive; because of his efforts, the agency was able to move into the new 911 facility without incurring any debt; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Bob McNeill has overseen the transformation from punch cards to computer-assisted dispatching, which allows a computer to immediately show the number calling, the address to which it is assigned, and a map of the area, which gives the dispatcher the ability to send the appropriate agency more quickly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeill exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Bob McNeill has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; 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 extend to Bob McNeill 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.