

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 869

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to name the Tennessee Career Center in Murfreesboro in honor of Harold Shackelford.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should commemorate the accomplishments of those public servants who have served this state with the greatest acumen and dedication; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Harold Shackelford, who has worked tirelessly to ensure his beloved state's continued economic prosperity by helping his fellow citizens to both locate and secure employment, as well as receive training to expand their job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, raised in Pulaski, Mr. Shackelford graduated from Giles County High School before earning his Associate's degree from Martin Methodist College and his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Middle Tennessee State University in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Harold Shackelford began his distinguished career with the State of Tennessee in 1972 and has cultivated a reputation for the utmost professionalism through his work with the Departments of Mental Health, Employment Security, and Labor and Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, responsible for budgeting, accounting, procurement, and facilities management, Mr. Shackelford serves with wisdom and alacrity as the Administrator of Administration for the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, in which position he has earned the respect of his peers and subordinates alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, after the passage of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Harold Shackelford focused on creating and designing a system of one-stop career centers where

employers could find the suitable personnel to expand their businesses, and job seekers could receive the assistance and career information necessary to join Tennessee's vibrant and dedicated workforce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shackelford was instrumental in uniting the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development with other State Agencies to establish Tennessee Career Centers across the State and construct new facilities in Johnson City, Knoxville, Murfreesboro, Nashville, and Huntingdon; and

WHEREAS, under his capable direction, these groundbreaking facilities provide computerized labor market information, internet access, workshops, and an online talent bank, as well as job placement, recruitment, and training referrals; and

WHEREAS, an active and important member of his profession, Mr. Shackelford is a 1998 graduate of the Tennessee Government Executive Institute and is a member of the Administrative and Finance Committee for the National Association of State Workforce Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Shackelford family expresses their devout Christian faith as active members of the First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Shackelford is most grateful to share both love and companionship with his wife, Jennifer, and he is the proud father of Ashli Wheaton and Hollye Walter and the doting grandfather of William Shackelford Wheaton, John David Wheaton, Samuel Christopher Walter, and Andrew Lane Walter; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career with state government, Harold Shackelford has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, and he should be appropriately honored by this General Assembly on behalf of a grateful public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the Tennessee Career Center located at 1313 Old Fort Parkway in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, is hereby named in honor of Harold Shackelford as a lasting tribute to one of Tennessee's longest serving and most dedicated public servants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development is directed to erect or affix suitable signs designating the Tennessee Career Center in Murfreesboro as the "Harold Shackelford Career Center".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, and that an additional copy be prepared for presentation to Mr. Shackelford, with this final clause omitted from such copy.