

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 910

By White

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Andy Womack, Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Business Legend of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those individuals whose vision, ambition, and work ethic are driving forces behind the success of local economies and the economy of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Andy Womack, who was recently named the 2023 Business Legend of the Year by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, a most befitting honor that recognizes his important contributions to Rutherford County and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for four decades, Mr. Womack has been a prominent figure in the insurance industry, serving as a State Farm agent; his exceptional contributions have earned him numerous accolades, including membership in the State Farm Presidents Club, the State Farm Legion of Honor, and the Tennessee Insurance Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, he is also a former chairman of the board for the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, and he served as board chair for the United Way from 1972 to 1973 and again from 2017 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Womack's leadership further includes representing Bedford and Rutherford counties as a senator in the Tennessee General Assembly for three terms, during which time he chaired the Senate Education Committee and co-chaired the Joint Committee on Veterans' Affairs; his service in the legislature earned him the William Baird Legislative Leadership Award from Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities; and

WHEREAS, he was named Legislator of the Year by both the Tennessee State Employees Association and the County Officials Association; and

WHEREAS, Andy Womack is also a proud veteran, having served as an Infantry Sergeant in the 4th Infantry Division in Pleiku, Vietnam; his valor was recognized with the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge, and in 2015, he received the Joe Nunley Distinguished Veteran Award; and

WHEREAS, devoted to serving his community, Mr. Womack coached Little League baseball for twenty-four years and held various leadership roles as a member of the Optimist Club, First Baptist Church, MTSU Foundation, Blue Raider Athletic Association, MTSU National Alumni Association, and Southern Regional Education Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Womack attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, before earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many worthy endeavors, he has enjoyed the love and support of his wife of fifty-five years, Cherry Womack; children, David (Cheryl) Womack and Dana (Paul) Fiveash; and grandchildren, Molly and Mason; and

WHEREAS, Andy Womack has remained a diligent and humble leader who champions teamwork and a sense of community, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Womack has devoted his career to improving the well-being of the citizens of Rutherford County, and it is most fitting that he be recognized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Rutherford County

Chamber of Commerce 2023 Business Legend of the Year, Andy Womack, extending our best wishes for his continued success.

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.