

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 951

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to commend Robert "Bob" Martineau for honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Martineau has served as commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) for more than seven years; he will soon take his much-deserved retirement from this position, bringing to a close an exemplary tenure of devoted, capable service to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Bob Martineau was appointed to head TDEC by Governor Bill Haslam in January 2011, and since that time, he has guided the department with intellect, drive, commitment, and an affinity for the State of Tennessee; his results-focused approach has emphasized outstanding customer service, outreach and proactive education, and effective partnerships that strengthened environmental protection in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments as commissioner are the modernization of various state park practices and the milestone of reaching full compliance with federal air quality standards for particle pollution and ozone, the first time Tennessee has been in compliance in two decades; and

WHEREAS, a respected and trusted leader, Commissioner Martineau was elected by his peers as president for the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), a national association of state environmental officers, making him the first TDEC commissioner elected to any top leadership post at ECOS; and

WHEREAS, he has also testified before Congress, sharing states' perspective on emerging environmental issues such as modernizing the Clean Air Act, regulation of coal ash, and the balance of responsibilities between states and federal government in environmental management; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Law, Commissioner Bob Martineau has spent more than thirty years as an attorney in the field of environmental law, including seven years of service in the Office of General Counsel for the United States Environmental Protection Agency, from 1988-1994, and sixteen years as a partner in private practice at the Waller firm in Nashville, where he was recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* and *Chambers USA* for his expertise in environmental law; and

WHEREAS, his many other awards and honors include being named a Fellow in the American College of Environmental Lawyers and one of the *Nashville Business Journal's* "Most Admired CEOs" in the region, both in October 2014, and a recipient of the Women's Political Collaborative of Tennessee's Good Guy Award in November 2013, which recognized his outstanding advocacy of women, women's issues, and the community; and

WHEREAS, a prolific, accomplished writer, Commissioner Martineau was co-editor of the American Bar Association's *The Clean Air Act Handbook* and co-author of the book *Plain English for Drafting Statutes and Rules*; additionally, he has written a variety of substantive articles on critical environmental topics; and

WHEREAS, ever committed to giving back to his community, Commissioner Bob Martineau is a graduate of Leadership Nashville and currently serves on the Board of the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland; previously, he served as president of the Tennessee Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and First Steps; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Commissioner Martineau is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Pamela Eddy; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bob Martineau 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Robert "Bob" Martineau for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and wish him all the best 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.