

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1025

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Dr. Daniel Andrew Hix, 2024 Community Award recipient of the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy.

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 Dr. Daniel Andrew Hix of Maryville, who was recently named the 2024 Community Award recipient of the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy was created to honor those who steadfastly work to improve the lives of seniors in the Knoxville community, as the award's namesake did throughout his career; recipients are professionals and community members who have been nominated in recognition of their tireless efforts on behalf of seniors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Hix began his long and distinguished career in doing God's work as Minister to Youth at Durham Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, he next served as associate pastor in Worthington, Ohio, for four years and then as resident hospital chaplain in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Dr. Hix assumed the reins of leadership as the Pastor of Forbush Baptist Church, in Yadkinville, North Carolina, shepherding the flock there for six years; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Dr. Hix relocated to Knoxville, where he spent the next twenty-five years working in pastoral and spiritual care at various area hospitals and medical institutions; and

WHEREAS, during that quarter of a century, Dr. Hix, whatever his title, offered care, compassion, and comfort to people seeking God's guidance and everlasting mercy while facing a medical emergency or crisis; and

WHEREAS, he recently returned to congregational ministry as Pastoral Associate at New Providence Presbyterian Church in Maryville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hix received his Bachelor of Arts degree *Magna Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, from Wake Forest University and his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, he also completed Clinical Pastoral Training and served as Resident in Pastoral Care at Wake Forest University Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hix has worked tirelessly to improve his community, and it is most fitting that he be honored on this special occasion; 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 honor Dr. Daniel Andrew Hix, 2024 Community Award recipient of the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy, extending our best wishes for his continued success as he compassionately and devotedly serves God and humanity.

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.