

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1220

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Senator Dewayne Bunch for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost probity, and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their district and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dewayne Bunch is one such distinguished public servant who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bunch has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of the 9th Senatorial District, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, as a Senate member of the 105th and 106th General Assemblies, Dewayne Bunch has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, born on March 15, 1959 in Athens, Tennessee, Dewayne Bunch earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee Technological University at Cookeville, his Master's degree from East Tennessee State University, and his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Tennessee College of Law at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process, Senator Bunch currently renders sterling service as the Vice-Chairman of the Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee; the Secretary of the Senate Rules Committee; and a respected

member of the Senate Government Operations Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dewayne Bunch is an active member of the Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, a talented, astute, and productive attorney, Senator Bunch also serves with acumen and alacrity as a partner with McCoin, McCoin, Bunch, and Associates; and

WHEREAS, prior to his exemplary tenure in the Senate, Dewayne Bunch was an outstanding member of the House of Representatives, honorably representing his constituents throughout the 101st through 104th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long and distinguished career as a public servant, Senator Bunch has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Dewayne Bunch is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Karen, and his sons, Clay and Pierce; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dewayne Bunch 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 for his distinguished tenure in this body; 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 we hereby honor Senator Dewayne Bunch for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 9th Senatorial District, and extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in all 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.