

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1237

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Dave Chaffin upon receiving the 2009 Tennessee Associated Press Broadcasters Best Radio Newscaster Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as professionals and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dave Chaffin, News Director for WCMT Martin and WCDZ Dresden, who recently received the 2009 Tennessee Associated Press (AP) Broadcasters Best Radio Newscaster Award; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Associated Press Broadcasters presents awards each year in statewide competition; all AP member television and radio stations are eligible to enter their work in a number of categories, which are then judged by AP members in other states; and

WHEREAS, born May 8, 1974, in Nashville, Mr. Chaffin grew up in Joelton in the house his father built; he graduated from Davidson Academy in 1992; and

WHEREAS, he attended the University of Tennessee at Martin on an academic scholarship and graduated cum laude with his Bachelor of Science degree in Music; in 2002, he graduated in class #1024 of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chaffin nobly served for eight years as a full-time police officer in West Tennessee and is still employed part-time with the City of Bradford as a patrol officer and public information officer; and

WHEREAS, he has worked since 2007 as News Director for WCMT Martin and WCDZ Dresden, a position he first held from 1997 to 1999; he also worked part-time for these stations at various times between 1999 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with WCMT and WCDZ, Dave Chaffin finds time to lend his talents to such notable causes as Masonic Lodge #90 and the Weakley County Alliance for a Safe and Drug Free Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chaffin epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Chaffin for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; 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 and commend Dave Chaffin upon receiving the 2009 Tennessee Associated Press Broadcasters Best Radio Newscaster Award and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.