

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1277

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to commend Charles "Chuck" Leonard Head for his honorable and steadfast service to the people of Tennessee.

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, Charles "Chuck" Leonard Head has served the State of Tennessee in a number of capacities for more than forty-two years, most recently as Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Environment, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation; he will soon take his much-deserved retirement, bringing to a close an exemplary tenure of dedicated, capable service; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Commissioner Head began his career with the State as a chemist in the State laboratory in 1977, after graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, as a lifelong learner, he earned a Master of Science degree from Vanderbilt University in 1985 and a Certificate of Attainment from the Tennessee Government Executive Institute in 1992; and

WHEREAS, he was the first employee of the State's Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Program and went on to lead the program as director, ultimately being tenured with the program for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, a respected and trusted leader, Assistant Commissioner Head served as the first Field Office Director of the Nashville field office for four years; as Senior Director of Land Programs, heading the divisions of Solid Waste, Remediation, DOE-Oversight, and

Underground Storage Tanks; and as Senior Advisor to the Deputy Commissioner of Environment; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments include the management of initiatives that have improved the effectiveness of services provided by the State and the quality of life of public servants, including the Dual Career Track, which rewards staff technical expertise, and the development of a career path for Environmental Field Office administrative staff; and

WHEREAS, he is known for his fair-mindedness, evidence-based decision making, and thoroughness, which are appreciated throughout the Bureau of Environment, across the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and by external customers and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband and father, Assistant Commissioner Head enjoys the love and support of his wife, Leesa, and their children, Rachel and Byron, all of whom share his passion for environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, a man of diverse interests, Assistant Commissioner Head not only wholeheartedly enjoys recreating in the outdoors and sharing stories of his adventures with his friends and colleagues, but is also a faithful supporter of the Vanderbilt Commodores and St. Louis Cardinals and an enthusiast of performance arts who holds season tickets to the Tennessee Performing Arts Center and has been known to whistle a tune himself; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Commissioner Head 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 on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Charles "Chuck" Leonard Head for his honorable and devoted service to the good people of Tennessee and wish him a happy and fulfilling retirement and 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 and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.