

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1336

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tony Hysmith,
Henderson-Chester County Chamber of
Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

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

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Tony Hysmith, who was recently named Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Henderson-Chester County Chamber of Commerce, an honor most befitting his many years of selfless service to the Henderson and Chester County communities; and

WHEREAS, the Outstanding Citizen of the Year award is a lifetime achievement award given to those who have made a true and lasting difference in the lives of others; this is certainly an apt description of Tony Hysmith, who has been a conscientious, contributing citizen of Chester County for forty-four years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hysmith came to Chester County in 1976 to attend Freed-Hardeman College, where he met the love of his life and future wife, the former Becky Edwards; and

WHEREAS, also in 1976, Tony Hysmith began his laudable career with Casey Funeral Home, now known as Shackelford Funeral Directors of Henderson, where he has served with the utmost integrity for the past forty-four years; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Henderson-Chester County Chamber of Commerce for more than forty years, Mr. Hysmith served as the Chamber's president in 1986 and is currently a member of the Industrial Development Board; and

WHEREAS, Tony Hysmith has donated his time and talents to a number of civic events over the decades, including the BBQ Festival, the annual Christmas Parade for Henderson and Chester County, and the annual Hee Haw Hootenanny; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Mr. Hysmith is a member of Estes Church of Christ, where he serves as an elder, and he led a number of mission teams to Haiti to aid in humanitarian relief efforts in the aftermath of the devastating 2010 earthquakes in the region; and

WHEREAS, evincing exceptional volunteerism and professionalism in all his endeavors, Tony Hysmith is a past president of the Tennessee Funeral Directors Association and the recipient of the 1993 Freed-Hardeman Alumni Service to Business Award; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Tony Hysmith is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Becky, and they are the proud parents of two sons, Ross and Ryan, and the adoring grandparents of Brody, Wyatt, Nolan, Shepard, and McCoy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hysmith epitomizes the spirit and commitment to the noble precepts of public service that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Tony Hysmith for his remarkable record of service to Chester County and this State; 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 honor and commend Tony Hysmith on being named Henderson-Chester County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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.