

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1451

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to commend John Lackey for his honorable and astute service to the people of Williamson County as a member and chairman of the Williamson County Regional Planning Commission.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should pause to honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors is John Lackey, who took his much-deserved retirement on January 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, born in Chattanooga, Mr. Lackey attended Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, where he earned multiple degrees, including a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1970; and

WHEREAS, before entering into public service, Mr. Lackey held various other positions, including serving as an engineering consultant from 1970 to 1980, in which role he designed a number of sewage treatment plants in the region, including two plants still in operation today, and serving as a builder of custom homes in Brentwood and Williamson County, which role he began in 1980; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, after his nomination by County Executive Robert Ring, Mr. Lackey was appointed by the legislative body to serve on the Williamson County Regional Planning Commission; on June 13, 1985, his peers elected him to serve as chairman, a position he held until the time of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Lackey's tenure as chairman of the Williamson County Regional Planning Commission, Williamson County transitioned from a sleepy, rural county with a

population of approximately 63,000 to a thriving, suburban county with a population estimated to be 256,000 in 2022; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Mr. Lackey provided unparalleled leadership in the development of four comprehensive land use plans, four zoning ordinance updates, and numerous other planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, as chairman, Mr. Lackey presided in a firm but fair manner over the monthly meetings and sought to help preserve the rural character of Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lackey has served as a mentor to countless public officials and staff members who serve Williamson County, and he has devoted his time to serve with a number of diverse entities such as Williamson County Water and Wastewater Authority, Middle Tennessee Homebuilders, Habitat for Humanity, and the Parade of Homes; and

WHEREAS, he has continued to serve faithfully via on-going appointments to the planning commission by the late County Executive Clint Callicott and current County Mayor Rogers Anderson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lackey has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, John Lackey's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, John Lackey 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; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend John Lackey for his thirty-nine years of meritorious service to the good people of Williamson County as a member and chairman of the Williamson

County Regional Planning Commission and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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.