

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1623

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to recognize Fire Chief Chris Dowell on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Fire Chief Chris Dowell, who has served with distinction as a member of the Lebanon Fire Department for more than thirty-three years and recently announced that he will be taking his much-deserved retirement on May 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Dowell began his career with the Lebanon Fire Department in 1988 and rose through the ranks to become the city's first Black fire chief in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Dowell is extremely grateful for the love and support of his wife, Tracy, and his sons, Coleby (Neomi) and Colton; he is excited to have a grandchild on the way; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Fire Chief Chris Dowell has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Lebanon; 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 extend to Fire Chief Chris Dowell of the Lebanon Fire Department our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success 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.