

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1770

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jimmy D. Byrd for his astute service as Scott County Trustee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Jimmy D. Byrd, who has evinced the greatest integrity and probity as Scott County Trustee for the past twenty-four years and will be taking his well-deserved retirement at the end of his current term in office; and

WHEREAS, a native of Scott County, Jimmy D. Byrd was first elected Trustee in 1998 and has since been reelected five times; and

WHEREAS, during his six-term tenure as Trustee, Mr. Byrd has rendered sterling service, earning the respect and admiration of the residents of Scott County, especially those who have been fortunate to work in his office; and

WHEREAS, he earned the designation of Certified Public Administrator from the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service in 2000; and

WHEREAS, to earn this designation, Mr. Byrd was required to take ninety hours of coursework pertaining to the job of trustee; he must complete a minimum of sixteen hours of continuing education annually, but he often elects to complete nearly double the required amount of continuing education hours; and

WHEREAS, he was elected by his peers to serve as the 2019-2020 statewide president of the County Officials Association of Tennessee based upon his impeccable reputation of integrity and leadership; and

WHEREAS, a trusted leader in his profession, Mr. Byrd has also served as vice president and a board member of the East Tennessee Trustee's Association (ETTA) and was the 2011 president of the Tennessee County Trustee's Association, having previously served the association as secretary/treasurer; and

WHEREAS, often duly honored for his good work, Mr. Byrd was inducted as the ETTA's Trustee of the Year in 2004; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many successes, Jimmy D. Byrd has been grateful for the love and support of his wife, Mary Lois Byrd, and their daughters, Sara and Jessica Byrd; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd 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 the occasion of his retirement; 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 honor and commend Jimmy D. Byrd for his dedicated and astute service as Scott County Trustee for twenty-four years and wish him 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.