

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1863

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor Mayor A. Keith McDonald of Bartlett for his meritorious service on the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those members of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts have ensured proper attention to myriad issues in fulfillment of the commission's mission to serve as a forum for the discussion and resolution of intergovernmental problems; to provide high quality research support to state and local government officials in order to improve the overall quality of government in Tennessee; and to improve the effectiveness of the intergovernmental system to better serve the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, A. Keith McDonald, as owner and founder of McDonald Insurance and Financial Services, has received numerous leadership awards within the insurance industry and had the honor of serving as a delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business in 1986 during President Ronald Reagan's administration; and

WHEREAS, while distinguishing himself in service to his community and demonstrating his own leadership abilities, Mr. McDonald cofounded Leadership Bartlett in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald began his public service career in October 1997, when he was elected to the first of two terms on the City of Bartlett's Board of Aldermen; subsequently elected Mayor of Bartlett, he was sworn into office on January 1, 2003, and continues to serve ably in that capacity; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McDonald has served on numerous boards and commissions, including as the 2007 and 2008 chair of the National League of Cities' First Tier Suburbs

Council and as a member of its Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee; he has received numerous awards, including the Bobby Dunavant Public Service Award and the Memphis Most Award of "Most Beloved Leader"; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Mayor of Bartlett, Bartlett has been chosen as one of the Top 100 places to live by CNN/*Money Magazine*, and the Veterans Memorial Park has been completed; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McDonald was named the Tennessee Municipal League's 2012 Mayor of the Year because he typifies the attributes of intelligence, effectiveness, hard work, dedication, and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McDonald has endeared himself to his community through his compassion for the citizens of Bartlett and his genuine concern for his staff through acts of kindness and concern throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Mayor A. Keith McDonald was appointed to TACIR by Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate Ron Ramsey in 2008, and having served with distinction as a member of the commission for four years, he has now completed his term; 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 Mayor A. Keith McDonald for his countless contributions to the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and for his honorable and dedicated service to the good people of the great State of Tennessee 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.