

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7081

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor Reverend Gary R. Wilson on his thirty years of ministry at Lebanon First Nazarene Church.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dedicated church leader is Reverend Gary R. Wilson, who is celebrating thirty years of ministry at Lebanon First Nazarene Church, having begun his illustrious tenure there on July 4, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gary Wilson is a graduate of Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, and his pastorage at Lebanon First Nazarene Church is the first and only he has been called to; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Wilson has been a favorite of several leaders in the East Tennessee Region of the Church of the Nazarene due to his Christ-like servant nature and loving his congregation with a pastor's heart; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Reverend Wilson enjoys the love and support of his wife of thirty-six years, Pat Wilson; their son and daughter-in-law, Noah and Faith Wilson; and their daughter, Abigail Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gary Wilson's commitment to God, his spiritual leadership, and his love for people, as demonstrated over his past three decades of service, are worthy of our respect and admiration; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Reverend Gary R. Wilson our heartfelt congratulations upon the celebration of his thirtieth anniversary as pastor of Lebanon First Nazarene Church, commend him for his honorable service and spiritual inspiration, and wish him 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.