

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7140

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Jim Jagers on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor a broadcast meteorologist who has performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Jim Jagers has provided timely and accurate weather forecasts on television and radio in Memphis for forty-five years and is taking his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a News Channel 3 WREG meteorologist, Mr. Jagers was named Broadcaster of the Year by the National Weather Association in 2023 and awarded the June Bacon-Bercey Award for Broadcast Meteorology, formerly known as the Broadcast Meteorologist of the Year, from the American Meteorological Society (AMS); only one other time in the history of these awards were they awarded in the same year to the same person; and

WHEREAS, Jim Jagers holds the AMS Certified Broadcast Meteorologist designation, certifying him as a meteorologist in the field of broadcasting, and he has served the AMS as chairman of the board of broadcast meteorology and as a member of the broadcast board judging AMS Seal candidates; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, he received an AMS Special Award for assisting the AMS in writing and implementing a new Certified Broadcast Meteorology test that replaces the original AMS Seal and has a Seal of Approval from the National Weather Association in both television and radio forecasting; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community and his profession, Mr. Jagers won an Emmy Award in 2013 for breaking news coverage of the February 5 tornado that hit the Whitehaven area of Memphis; he won a second Emmy Award in 2015, recognizing his community service work supporting Le Bonheur Children's Hospital through his annual

bicycle ride known as Go Jim Go, which has since raised more than \$4 million in donations for the hospital; and

WHEREAS, he has also been honored for his dedication to Le Bonheur with a Leadership Foundation Service to Community award in the TV medium market category, and he enjoys quizzing high school students vying to win college scholarships as the host of WREG TV's Knowledge Bowl since 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jagers graduated from Michigan State University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Telecommunications with a minor in theater and journalism, and earned a Master of Science degree in Geography with a concentration in atmospheric sciences from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Jim Jagers exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Jagers has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and his viewers; 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 Jim Jagers 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.