

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8018 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Thomas Tigue on the occasion of his retirement from the Office of Legal Services of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should pay special tribute to those laudable legislative employees whose commitment to excellence and dedication to public service have brought untold benefits to the citizens of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Thomas Tigue, who will soon be taking his much-deserved retirement as Chief Deputy Attorney for the Office of Legal Services of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Tom Tigue's distinguished legal career encompasses forty-four years of dedicated service to the citizens of this State, drafting bills and amendments, staffing committees, and advising members of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, a 1969 graduate of Oak Ridge High School, Mr. Tigue received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1973 and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Tom Tigue accepted the position of legislative attorney with the Tennessee Legislative Council Committee, predecessor of the Office of Legal Services, in September 1976; over the next forty-four years, his shrewd legal talent and vast store of practical knowledge were heavily utilized by legislators, administrative officials, and appreciative colleagues; and

WHEREAS, during his professional career, Mr. Tigue has worked with seven governors, eight speakers of the House, three lieutenant governors, seven Senate judiciary chairmen, ten House judiciary chairmen, and numerous Supreme Court justices, district attorneys, judges, and attorneys; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tigue also served as chief counsel for five different Article VI, Section 6 Judicial Removal Proceedings in 1978, 1983, 1987, 1993, and 2007, as chief counsel for the Senate ethics committee investigation of Senator John Ford in 2005, and as a member of numerous other judiciary-related task forces, study committees, and working groups; and

WHEREAS, known for his sagacious wit and wry humor, Tom Tigue admits being at least partially responsible for everything undesirable about the criminal code, as he was an original member of the Tennessee Sentencing Commission, serving from 1986 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Tom Tigue enjoys the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Sherri; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service, Mr. Tigue has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity throughout his laudable career, winning the unbridled respect and affection of the colleagues with whom he worked, the legislators whom he served, and the citizens of this great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Thomas Tigue on the occasion of his retirement from the General Assembly, thank him for his loyal service to the legislative process and meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him 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.