

SENATE RESOLUTION 76

By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize J. Michael Haynes for his distinguished service to the people of Farragut.

WHEREAS, it is fitting the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those Tennessee public servants who have devoted so much of their time and energy to improving the lives of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, J. Michael "Mike" Haynes is one such noteworthy public servant and consummate professional who has worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haynes has served with acumen and alacrity for several years as an elected official for the Town of Farragut, in which position he has earned the respect of his peers and constituents alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, growing up in the Fountain City area of Knox County, Mr. Haynes was taught the value of service to others at an early age; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), he continued his education and earned his Juris Doctorate from UTK as well, and he has been a successful trial lawyer for over thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Farragut in 1985, he was first elected to the Board of Mayor and Alderman in 1993 as the Alderman of Ward I; after moving in 1995 to the Ward II district, Mr. Haynes resigned from the Board only to be elected again in 1997 as the Alderman for Ward II, and he is the only person in the Town's history who has served as an Alderman for both wards; and

WHEREAS, being re-elected to stand as a trusted servant by the citizens of Farragut in 2001 and 2005, he dedicated his coveted leadership abilities to the welfare of the Town while serving not only as an Alderman, but also as Vice Mayor for the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in his community, Mike Haynes has committed his time and energies to the betterment of the Town of Farragut in numerous other capacities as well. He has served as a longtime Farragut Boy Scout Leader, co-chairman of the Farragut High Band Boosters Club, charter board member and past president of the Knoxville Ronald McDonald House, charter member of the Farragut High School Education Foundation, chairman of the original Farragut 2000 strategic planning study, and twice served as a member of the Farragut Board of Zoning Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haynes is a partner in the Knoxville law firm of Hodges, Doughty & Carson and is a fellow in the Knoxville Bar Foundation and the Tennessee Bar Foundation; he also served as a former Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee, as Assistant Law Director for Knox County, and as past president of the Knoxville Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, his impressive achievements aside, he is proudest of the love and support of his wife, Myra Haynes, and their sons, Jason Haynes and Christopher Haynes; another son, Andy Haynes has passed from this life; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service to the people of Farragut, Mike Haynes has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his friends, constituents, and colleagues alike; and

WHEREAS, the people of this State are fortunate to have among them natural leaders who are both willing and able to exercise their talents on behalf of the public well-being, and Mr. Haynes is certainly one of these estimable individuals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and recognize J. Michael Haynes for his service to the people of Farragut and the State of Tennessee, thank him for all he has done to improve the lives of his fellow citizens, 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.