

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 731
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to commend Kenneth E. Yager for his honorable and astute service as Mayor of Roane County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kenneth E. Yager of Roane County is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary twenty-three-year tenure as Mayor of Roane County, Kenneth E. Yager has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, an educator and attorney, Ken Yager is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he earned both a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Science degree; he obtained his legal degree from the University of Memphis in 1977; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Ken Yager began his professional career in 1969 as a teacher at Harriman Middle School; he entered private practice as an attorney in 1978, at which time he became County Attorney for Roane County, a post he held until becoming County Executive in 1982; and

WHEREAS, though he ended his private law practice in 1986, Mayor Yager continues to serve as an Adjunct Instructor at Roane State Community College, a position he has held since 1978; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his mayoral duties, Ken Yager serves with acumen and alacrity as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mid-East Community Action Agency; he is a member of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, the Executive Committee of the East Tennessee Development District, the East Tennessee Human

Resources Agency Board, and the Executive Committee of Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a past member of the Tennessee Workforce Board and former chairman of the Local Elected Officials (LEO), Local Workforce Investment Area 4, Workforce Investment Act, Mayor Yager is currently Chairman of the Loan Administration Board, Roane County Revolving Loan Fund, and a member of the Roane County E-911 Board of Directors and the Roane County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Ken Yager is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, he is actively involved in the affairs of his community as a citizen in addition to his meritorious service as Mayor; he is a member of the Roane County Chamber of Commerce and International Civitan, assists Boy Scouts of America, Troop 103-Harriman, and worships at South Harriman Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Ken Yager's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades and awards, Mayor Yager has received the Distinguished Service Award and the Public Service Award from the Roane County Chamber of Commerce and a Public Service Award from the East Tennessee Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, in addition to being named Tennessee Jaycee Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1983; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, he is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Malinda Raby Yager; together they are the proud parents of Bonnie-Marie Christine Yager and William Ashton Wise Yager; and

WHEREAS, Ken Yager is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

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

CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Kenneth E. Yager for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Roane County as their Mayor, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and wish this remarkable gentleman 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.