

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 932
By Norris

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

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Jim W. Horner is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for eight years as a Public Defender for the 29th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, a Dyersburg native, Jim W. Horner was born on September 16, 1944, and attended Union University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1972, and he received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Memphis School of Law in 1975; and

WHEREAS, committed to professional excellence, Jim Horner attended the National College for District Attorneys at the University of South Carolina, where he completed numerous courses, including Evidence for Prosecutors (1991), Prosecution of Violent Crimes (1987), Prosecution of Violent Juveniles (1983), Executive Prosecutor (1984), and Career Prosecutor (1981); and

WHEREAS, he has also completed the Drug Enforcement Administration's Drug Conspiracy Seminar, the West Tennessee Criminal Investigators Association's Terrorism Seminar, the National Law Enforcement Institute's Sex Crimes Investigation Seminar, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Prosecutor Arson Seminar, and the West Tennessee Criminal Investigators Association's Narcotics Awareness and Investigative Techniques Seminar; and

WHEREAS, a committed professional, Mr. Horner has served as a Security Policeman for the Tennessee National Guard (1973-1985), a State Trooper for the Tennessee Highway

Patrol (1972-1973), an Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee-Martin (1977-1978), a City Judge at Dyersburg City Court (1978-1980), an Instructor at Dyersburg State Community College (1978-1991), an Attorney at Law in Dyersburg (1975-1980), a District Attorney General of the 29th Judicial District (1980-1990), an Assistant District Attorney General of the 13th Judicial District (1990-1992), an Attorney at Law in Dyersburg (1992-1995), the Assistant Director of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy (1995-1997), and the Director of the Internal Affairs Division for the Tennessee Department of Safety (1997-1998); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Horner is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the American Legion and the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Jim W. Horner was named the Jaycees Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1977 and the Jaycees Outstanding Man of America in 1979; and

WHEREAS, evincing unflagging courage and gallantry, Mr. Horner served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1966 and the Tennessee Air National Guard from 1973 to 1995, fighting to protect the freedoms and principles we all hold dear; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he is an active member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church, which he has faithfully served for many years; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Jim W. Horner is most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Jewell; his two sons, Ricky Horner and Larry Horner; and his two granddaughters, Laura Leigh Horner and Lee Anna Horner; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Jim W. Horner has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Jim W. Horner 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.