

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 833

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Howard Senter 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, Dr. Howard Senter is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for over fifty years as a doctor of veterinary medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Senter will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, the son of an agricultural agent for Davidson County, Dr. Howard Senter grew up in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, he enrolled in the Tennessee State University Agricultural School with plans to follow in his father's footsteps and study agriculture, but Dr. Senter's educational endeavors were interrupted by two years of honorable service with the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, soon after Dr. Howard Senter returned from his military service, he discovered his profound interest in veterinary medicine and enrolled in Tuskegee College's newly-founded School of Veterinarian Medicine, from which he graduated in 1950 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree; and

WHEREAS, this noble and modest doctor established his venerable practice in the 4200 block of North Broadway in Knoxville, making Dr. Senter the first African-American to be licensed as a veterinarian in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Howard Senter served the people of Knoxville with distinction as an expert of veterinary medicine, earning noteworthy status in 1976 as the first African-American to serve on the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Senter is an important part of his community and his profession, evincing his commendable leadership talents as a Chairman of the Board for Magnolia Federal

Savings and Loan Association, President of the East Knoxville Optimist Club, and on the Board of Directors of Knoxville Zoological Parks, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, he also contributes his time and numerous talents to the Tuskegee Institute Alumni, National Housing Foundations, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc ; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Senter is an active and devout member of the McDonald Drive Church of Christ, where he has served for over fifty years as an elder, bible class teacher, door knocker, and home studier; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he has shared with his wife Gladys Senter, with whom he enjoyed more than fifty years of marriage before her death, and his two daughters Gwendolyn Senter and Patricia McCray, who is now deceased; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Howard Senter exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Howard Senter 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.