

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1179

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to recognize Reverend David Hale on the occasion of his retirement from the board of trustees at Hawkins County Memorial Hospital.

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, Reverend David Hale is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty years on the board of trustees for Hawkins County Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Hale began a much deserved retirement from the hospital board in April, 2008; and

WHEREAS, also a pastor at Rogersville Presbyterian Church, Mr. Hale began his peerless tenure on the board of trustees in April of 1978; and

WHEREAS, during his thirty illustrious years at Hawkins County Memorial Hospital, Reverend Hale served with ten administrators; and

WHEREAS, Hawkins County Memorial Hospital has undergone many changes over the past thirty years, and David Hale has played some part in most of them, including the last joint Commission survey in 2007 that awarded the hospital another three years of accreditation; the addition of the surgical services of cardiology, orthopedics, urology, podiatry, gastrointestinal services, general surgery, and nephrology; and the emergency room has increased in size from two beds to fourteen beds with a dedicated trauma bay area, a designated fast-track area, and an occupational health area; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the Wellmont Health System entered into a long-term operating lease agreement with Hawkins County Memorial Hospital; the first of two medical office buildings were built in 2001; a sleep disorder clinic was established; the hospital's computer technology and services were upgraded for the radiology department; nuclear cardiology was added; a new hospital was built in Sneedville; an intensive care unit and nuclear medicine

capabilities were added; a second medical office was built in 2007; and many other improvements, additions, and renovations have been completed over the years; and

WHEREAS, David Hale exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Reverend David Hale 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 FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Reverend Hale our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from the board of trustees at Hawkins County Memorial Hospital, commend his thirty years of service to the hospital and the Hawkins County community, and wish him 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.