

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 625

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Don Chambers on his receipt of the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Tennessee Road Builders Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as leaders in their profession of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Don Chambers, who, on February 28, 2009, was presented with the Tennessee Road Builders Association's (TRBA) Lifetime Achievement Award to acknowledge his devoted service and outstanding commitment to the greater good of the association and the highway construction industry; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean who resides in Lebanon with his wife Linda, Don Chambers graduated from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville with a civil engineering degree in 1968, having been one of the first recipients of a TRBA Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, he began his career in the construction industry working for McDowell Enterprises, quickly earning the respect and admiration of his superiors and colleagues for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, beginning a new chapter in his esteemed career, in 1983 he co-founded LoJac, Inc., a grading and asphalt paving company based in Lebanon, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, recognized as a leader by his peers in the construction industry in Tennessee, Don Chambers served as president of the Tennessee Road Builders Association in 1993 and has served on the National Asphalt Pavement Association Board since 2001; and

WHEREAS, an industry visionary, in 1994 Mr. Chambers helped start the TRBA Self-Insured Trust, where he currently serves as chairman of the board of trustees; in 2006 he

helped form the Road Contractors Mutual Insurance Company, which he presently serves as chairman of the board; and in 2003 he played the key role in the establishment of the Tennessee Quality Asphalt Initiative; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the community in Wilson County, Mr. Chambers serves on numerous boards and committees, including as chairman of the Wilson County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority since 1980, a member of the Wilson County Joint Economic & Community Development Board of Directors, and the board of trustees of University Medical Center in Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, a longtime member of First Baptist Church, Mr. Chambers is a deacon and serves as chairman of the Future Growth committee; and

WHEREAS, his many personal and professional accomplishments aside, Don Chambers is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Linda; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chambers epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Don Chambers for his dedication to the road building industry and making this State's exemplary highway system even better; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Don Chambers on his receipt of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Tennessee Road Builders Association, commend him for his meritorious service to the transportation needs of his fellow Tennesseans, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.