

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 134

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to recognize Kevin Chambliss Kennedy of Montgomery County for meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

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

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Kevin Chambliss Kennedy of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy is an outstanding citizen who works assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Kennedy was recently named the 2008 William O. Beach Montgomery County Citizen of the Year and the 2008 City of Clarksville Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, son of the late Laurence Ray and Cybil Chambliss Kennedy, Mr. Kennedy has lived all of his life in Clarksville in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, he has worked as a lawyer, farmer, community leader, and political advocate, in which positions he has earned the respect of his peers and his community for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, in addition to practicing law for twenty-five years, Mr. Kennedy has been running the Kennedy Walking Horse Farm for many of its 109 years; in the area of horse breeding, he is wholly dedicated to raising quality Tennessee Walking Horses; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Chambliss Kennedy is a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Clarksville, where he serves as a Sunday school teacher and sings in the choir; and

WHEREAS, he is deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to his family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is the loving husband of Rhonda Fulkerson Kennedy, his wife of thirty years, and the proud father of Kevin C. Kennedy, Jr., Kenneth L. Kennedy, and Kaitlyn R. Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Chambliss Kennedy takes great joy in the many accomplishments of his children and in the fact that they have distinguished themselves as valuable and prominent citizens in their own right; and

WHEREAS, Kevin, Jr., served as President of the Student Government at Austin Peay State University, Kenneth served as President of the Student Body at Rossvie High School; and Kaitlyn has participated in national Walking Horse shows and statewide beauty contests; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his horses, Mr. Kennedy's many pastimes include singing in the church choir, discussing politics, and spending time with his family; and

WHEREAS, to his many friends, Mr. Kennedy is always generous with his time, resources, support, and love, and he is always willing to assist those in need; a man of great benevolence, he supports numerous civic, educational, church, and business organizations; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Kennedy exemplifies the spirit of community and leadership that are so characteristic of a Tennessee citizen, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Kevin Chambliss Kennedy for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee 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.