

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 453

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dana Peterka of Roane County upon receiving the 2009 Distinguished Service Award from the Roane County Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to honor those citizens who have given unselfishly of their time and talents to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Dana Peterka, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected and admired member of the Roane County community, Mr. Peterka was recently honored with the prestigious Distinguished Service Award as presented by the Roane County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity who embodies the best of his community, Mr. Peterka moved to Roane County several years ago after retiring from thirty-two years of distinguished service with Union Carbide; and

WHEREAS, a civic minded individual with service to others as a guiding principal in his life, Mr. Peterka has filled his retirement with active and dedicated volunteer work for the betterment of Roane County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, evincing the utmost acumen and integrity, Mr. Peterka has volunteered his time and energies to several area organizations, programs, and projects including, serving as site lead for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, member of the Project Freedom program at the Roane County United Way, member of the Parish Finance Committee of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, volunteer at Pathways Family Shelter and Catholic Transitional Housing, chair of the Greater Knoxville SCORE Chapter, member of the Small

Business and Retail Chamber Committee, and committee chair of the Roane County Chamber Board; and

WHEREAS, as a graduate of the Leadership Roane County program and the East Tennessee Regional Leadership program, he founded the highly successful series of “Lunch and Learn” workshops in conjunction with the Roane County Chamber of Commerce for small businesses in the area; and

WHEREAS, with his generous nature, tremendous network of friends and contacts, and his singular skills and leadership abilities, Dana Peterka is a shining example of the ideal public servant and feels it is his mission in life to help others learn to help themselves; and

WHEREAS, Dana Peterka epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to service that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and his significant contributions to his fellow citizens should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dana Peterka of Roane County upon receiving the 2009 Distinguished Service Award from the Roane County Chamber of Commerce, applaud his dedicated service to the citizens of Roane County and the State of Tennessee, and wish him every continued success in all 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.