

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 790

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Tim Aston 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, Tim Aston is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-three years as a proud officer of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA); and

WHEREAS, after embarking upon his laudable career in wildlife management and wildlife resources as an Area Manager on the Eagle Creek WMA, Mr. Aston then became a TWRA Wildlife Officer in Wayne County, a position he held until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his sterling career, Tim Aston has been responsible for a number of efforts and improvements in Tennessee's wildlife resources, including his involvement in deer restoration in the Eagle Creek WMA in the late 1970s and his standing as a leader in wild turkey restoration. During his career, he and his fellow Area 22 Wildlife Officers trapped and relocated several thousand wild turkeys into various counties throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, in his relentless pursuit of excellence, Mr. Aston trained young people in the proper usage of firearms and taught ethical hunting practices, in addition to his role as a hunting and fishing mentor and guide for countless children; and

WHEREAS, deeply respected by the residents of Wayne County as a friend and neighbor, Tim Aston led efforts, through his boating enforcement work, to make the scenic Buffalo River a safe and enjoyable place for families and enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aston fulfilled his duties as a boating officer with acumen and alacrity, educating the public about boating safety and, when necessary, rescuing those trapped by swift or rising water and rendering aid to those in need of medical attention while on the river; and

WHEREAS, an intuitive leader, Mr. Aston excelled in law enforcement during his career, utilizing his keen investigative skills to solve a number of challenging cases; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Tim Aston was designated as the 1989 Outstanding Tennessee Wildlife Officer of the Year and the 2006 Boating Officer of the Year, and was additionally recognized by the State of Tennessee for volunteering his time and energies to the disaster recovery efforts in New Orleans, Louisiana, following Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aston exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Tim Aston 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Tim Aston our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, extending our deepest gratitude for his many years of service to the finest tenets of wildlife resource management and to the citizens of this State.

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