

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 129

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. Ron Campbell and designate Room 16A of Legislative Plaza as the "Ron Campbell Radio Broadcast Room".

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the elected representatives of this state should permanently commemorate the accomplishments of those distinguished public servants who have served the General Assembly with the greatest acumen, integrity, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Mr. Ron Campbell of Nashville, who has ably served the General Assembly as the radio broadcast officer for the House of Representatives since February 1, 1988; and

WHEREAS, a native of Anderson County, South Carolina, Ron Campbell has an extensive background in radio broadcasting and television, working in both the gospel and country music genres, and began his career in radio as a country disc jockey in 1965, at a small radio station in Sylva, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell continued his career spinning country records over the decades in many locations in North Carolina and Tennessee, including tenures at WVIK and WBIR in Knoxville and the world famous WSM radio station in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, with his down-home demeanor, Mr. Campbell hosted the popular Old Time Gospel Show on television for years, featuring special guest appearances and interviews with many gospel and country music legends; and

WHEREAS, a noted author, Mr. Campbell has written numerous newspaper columns and magazine articles on gospel and country music over the years and published an autobiographical novel on his upbringing in upstate South Carolina, *The Old County: Another Place, Another Time*; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Rock-a-Billy DJ Hall of Fame in Jackson, Tennessee, Mr. Campbell has received numerous honors and awards throughout his distinguished career, including the 2004 Pioneer of the Year Award for the Music City Gospel Showcase in Pigeon Forge, several awards from the King Eagle Convention in Nashville, and a nomination to the Country DJ Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as radio broadcast officer for the Tennessee House of Representatives, Ron Campbell has earned the respect and admiration of the members and staff of the legislature for his professional expertise and his dedication to quality; and

WHEREAS, his work with the House of Representatives has allowed countless legislators to share the latest news from Nashville with their constituents through informative radio interviews and weekly broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, Ron Campbell's contributions to the General Assembly are indeed numerous, and it is appropriate that this legislative body take concrete action to permanently commemorate his legacy of public service and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that Room 16A of the Legislative Plaza be designated the "Ron Campbell Radio Broadcast Room" as a lasting tribute to this distinguished gentleman in recognition of his many years of dutiful service to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the facility administrator for the Legislative Complex is directed to erect a suitable sign designating such room as the "Ron Campbell Radio Broadcast Room".

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