

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 736

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tony and Carol Bentle upon being named the Westmoreland Citizens of the Year.

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, two such noteworthy individuals are Tony and Carol Bentle, who were recently named Westmoreland Citizens of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Bentle have been highly respected citizens of the Westmoreland community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, proud of their deep ties to the community, both Tony and Carol Bentle earned their diplomas from Westmoreland High School in 1964, and Mr. Bentle has rendered sterling service as the voice of the Eagles at football games for forty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Tony Bentle served with acumen and alacrity at Dupont for more than four decades, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Carol Bentle was an extremely talented and compassionate Kindergarten Assistant at Westmoreland Elementary School who worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Bentles have distinguished themselves as public-spirited citizens of the highest order through their work with numerous organizations; Mr. Bentle is a valuable member of the Tri-County Board and the Chamber of Commerce, and they both graciously volunteer to read to the youngsters at various schools across the city; and

WHEREAS, steadfast servants of the Almighty, the Bentles are devout members of the New Vision Ministry Church, where they are known for their solid Christian belief, their service and love, and their role as a reservoir of faith and outreach to the people of their community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bente has faithfully served as a Deacon of that sacred house of faith for more than forty-three years and was instrumental in launching a back pack ministry to offer food for children over the weekend, and Mrs. Bente is the epitome of hospitality, providing hot meals and hope for the sick and suffering in their region; and

WHEREAS, the Bentles are also deeply devoted to their family, and they always endeavor to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, they are the proud and devoted parents of Todd (Jennie) and Tonya (Shawne) and the doting grandparents of Austin, Anna, Hunter, and Hannah; and

WHEREAS, the greater Westmoreland community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the lives of service of this loving couple; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Tony and Carol Bente who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Bentles for their many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, their unwavering commitment to others, and their astute leadership in Westmoreland; 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 we hereby honor Tony and Carol Bente upon being named the Westmoreland Citizens of the Year; commend their outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit; and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness in all their 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.