

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 136

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize H. Greeley Wells, Jr., 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 public service; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is H. Greeley Wells, Jr., who has served with distinction as District Attorney General for the Second Judicial District (Sullivan County) since October 1993, and will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a native of Knoxville, Mr. Wells received his bachelor's degree in 1967 from the University of Tennessee and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1969; he was admitted to the bar in May of 1970; and

WHEREAS, immediately upon graduating from law school, Greeley Wells was appointed Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and served as an investigator and legal instructor in the Cleveland, Ohio; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Washington, D.C. offices of the FBI; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wells joined the District Attorney's staff in Sullivan County in 1976 as an Assistant District Attorney General; since that time, he has completed the Northwestern University law school course for prosecutors, the National District Attorney's Association Career Prosecutor Course, and the FBI National Law Institute; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community and his profession, Greeley Wells is a member of the Kingsport Bar Association, the Bristol Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association (TBA), the National District Attorney's Association, the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation, and the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference (TNDAGC); and

WHEREAS, in addition, he recently served as President of the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference (2004-2005), and is also a member of the Board of Governors of the Tennessee Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greeley was appointed District Attorney General for the Second Judicial District (Sullivan County) in October of 1993, and was subsequently elected to fill the unexpired term; in 1998 and 2006, he was reelected to full eight-year terms; and

WHEREAS, Greeley Wells's list of awards include recognition from the Tennessee Chapter of Children's Advocacy Center, General's Certificate for Bravery Under Fire by the TNDAGC, President's Award by the TNDAGC, and Justice Through Education recognition by the TNDAGC; and

WHEREAS, he has also been honored with the TBA Award of Merit for District Service, the Patrick H. McCutchen Award, TBA Board of Governors Recognition of Achievement, the 10th Annual Patrick H. McCutchen Child Support Award, and was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International; and

WHEREAS, Greeley Wells is an active member of First Presbyterian Church, which he has served in numerous capacities over the years; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Wells is perhaps most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Sue, and their two children, John and Laura; and

WHEREAS, an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, Greeley Wells epitomizes the ideal of the consummate attorney, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Wells has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the legal community; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend H. Greeley Wells, Jr., upon his illustrious career as Sullivan County District Attorney, thank him for his dedicated service to his fellow citizens,

and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in 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.