

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 177

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Doug Jackson for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have performed their duties with remarkable ability and whose devotion to excellence has brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors is our former colleague, Doug Jackson, who served as a member of both the House of Representatives and Senate during his long and distinguished career in public service; and

WHEREAS, a native of Dickson, Doug Jackson was born on July 10, 1954, and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in political science and history from Austin Peay State University and his Juris Doctor from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson has been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Tennessee for many years; as a legislator, he served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1986, the good people of House District 69, composed of Dickson and Hickman counties, evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Doug Jackson by electing him as their member in the House of Representatives, a position in which he performed admirably as a member of the 95th through 101st General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, his constituency expanded to encompass the Middle Tennessee counties of Dickson, Giles, Hickman, Humphreys, Lawrence, and Lewis when he was elected to represent Senate District 25, which he served from 2000 to 2010 as a member of the 102nd to 106th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, a dynamic and vital participant in the legislative process, Mr. Jackson earned the enduring respect and admiration of his Senate colleagues for the outstanding contributions he made as Chairman of the Corrections Oversight Committee, and Vice-Chairman of the Ethics Sub-Committee, Judiciary Committee, and State And Local Government Committee, and his service as a member of the TennCare Oversight Committee and Fiscal Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities as well as the privileges of citizenship, Doug Jackson is the President, Executive Director, and founder of the Renaissance Center in Dickson, a state-of-the-art facility utilizing the latest technology to promote a variety of educational programs and initiatives in the area of the arts, science, and humanities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson is also an active member of a number of civic and professional associations, including the American Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, Dickson County Bar Association, American and Tennessee Trial Lawyers associations, National Rifle Association, Tennessee Wildlife Federation, Dickson County Farm Bureau, and Dickson County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Doug Jackson has been honored as the Tennessee Press Association Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Association of District Attorney Generals Conference Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Nurses' Association Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Adult Retarded Citizens Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Education Association Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Conservation League and the Sierra Club Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Environmental Council Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Citizen Action League Legislator of the Year, and Tennessee Council of Respiratory Care Legislator of the Year; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Jackson is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of twenty-three years, Laura, and they are the proud parents of three children: Elizabeth, Greg, and Sam; and

WHEREAS, Doug Jackson is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his distinguished tenure in this body; 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 hereby commend Doug Jackson for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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