

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 215

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to recognize Raymond B. Walker on the occasion of his retirement as the Executive Director of Rhea Economic and Tourism Council.

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, Raymond B. Walker is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as the Executive Director of Rhea Economic and Tourism Council and will soon be taking a much deserved retirement from that position; and

WHEREAS, a proud resident of Dayton, Mr. Walker is a member of the Spring City High School class of 1955 and a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Speaking and Human Relations Program and retired after forty-one dedicated years as a businessman with Farm Bureau Insurance; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Walker served as the State Representative of the twenty-fifth House district during the 100th, 102nd, and 103rd General Assemblies, during which time he dedicated his energies to the Commerce; Industrial Impact of Commerce; Finance, Ways, and Means; and TennCare Oversight Committees; and;

WHEREAS, he is an active and important part of his community, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Greater Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce and the Bledsoe County Chamber of Commerce, and he served on the boards of the Rhea County United Way and the Rhea County Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader, Raymond Walker has served as the Chairman of the groundbreaking ceremony for the La-Z-Boy Chair Company, the president of the Dayton Rotary Club, the president of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the president of the Dayton Jaycees,

a lifetime member and senator of JCI, the president of the Sweetwater Valley Life Underwriters Association, and the Federal District coordinator of the National Association of Life Underwriters; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Walker is the recipient of the Dayton's Young Man of the Year award, the University of Tennessee William and Mary Hale's Family of the Year award, a State 4-H Alumni Recognition award, the Tennessee Primary Care Association Recognition Award, and the Southeast Development Legislator of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Walker exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Walker has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of colleagues; 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 extend to Raymond B. Walker our heartfelt congratulations upon his retirement as the Executive Director of the Rhea Economic and Tourism Council and our best wishes for his every continued success in 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.