

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 559

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to recognize Representative Gary Moore on the occasion of his retirement from the Nashville Fire Department.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly should recognize those members who serve with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, State Representative Gary Moore is one such noteworthy and respected person who served the Nashville Fire Department for thirty-two years prior to retiring from fire service on September 6, 2011; and

WHEREAS, born in Warren County to Eston and Alma Moore, who later moved to Nashville, Gary Moore spent much of his young life in the West Nashville area; and

WHEREAS, Gary Moore joined the elite group of men and women who comprise the Nashville Fire Department on October 16, 1979, and worked his way up through the ranks to achieve the rank of "Captain"; and

WHEREAS, during his thirty-two years with the Nashville Fire Department, Captain Moore was first stationed with Ladder Company 11 and subsequently served with Engine Companies 14, 9, 21, 8, 13 and 16; and

WHEREAS, Gary Moore joined the International Association of Firefighters Local 140 after being hired as a firefighter, served as its president from 1994 through 1997 and again from 2009 through 2011, served as its first vice president from 1991 through 1994 and again from 2006 through 2009, and will remain a proud member for life; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his involvement with Local 140, he has also devoted his time and talent to the Nashville and Middle Tennessee Central Labor Council, Tennessee State Employees Association, Muscular Dystrophy Association Executive Committee, Davidson County Democratic Executive Committee, Tennessee Professional Firefighters Association, and the Southern Federation of Professional Firefighters; and

WHEREAS, he has received numerous awards for his labor involvement in Tennessee and currently serves as president of the Tennessee AFL-CIO; and

WHEREAS, his willingness to serve others and his compassion for his fellow man led him to run for the State House in 2004, at which time he was elected; he continues to serve in his fourth consecutive term with great acumen, fairness, and humility; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community, Gary Moore has contributed much of his time and energy to several worthy institutions and organizations, including Joelton McDowell Park, Joelton Civitan Club, RURAL Citizen's Environmental Group, Goodlettsville Help Center, and community clubs throughout House District 50; and

WHEREAS, as a seasoned charity fundraiser, Gary Moore used his talents both as a founding member of Get Kids Hooked on Fishing Instead of Drugs, an annual fishing tournament event to give positive reinforcement to children, and as a founding member of Property Tax Assistance, Inc., a non-profit that provides tax assistance to low income senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of First Baptist Church in Joelton; and

WHEREAS, he is devoted to family ideals and is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Gloria; his two children, Gary Moore, Jr., and his wife, Stacey, and Kimberly Taylor and her husband, Courtney; and his four grandchildren, Courtney Moore, Pierce Moore, Savannah Taylor, and Jackson Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Gary Moore has devoted his life to the aid of others and exemplifies the noble and unselfish dedication and allegiance to his fellow man that are truly characteristic of a Tennessee hero; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Gary Moore has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, honor, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of all who know him; 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 Gary Moore our heartfelt appreciation for thirty-two years of placing his life on the line as he served the people of Davidson County as a firefighter, applaud

his long and storied career with the Nashville Fire Department, and wish him every continued success in all 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.