

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 575

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Vic Humeniuk on the occasion of his retirement from the Veterans Honor Guard.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those Tennessee citizens, who through their extraordinary professional and personal efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Vic Humeniuk is one such commendable gentleman who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a life-long champion of veterans, Mr. Humeniuk recently retired from the Veterans Honor Guard after rendering sterling service at more than 1,700 funerals; and

WHEREAS, honorably answering the call to military service during World War II, Vic Humeniuk proudly served his country with honor and an unflinching sense of duty in the South Pacific as soldier in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, until taking a much deserved retirement, Mr. Humeniuk served with acumen and alacrity as the Postmaster at the Baudette Post Office in Minnesota, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he also worked assiduously to make the dream of homeownership a reality for countless families as a real estate agent; and

WHEREAS, Vic Humeniuk was joined in holy matrimony with his wife, Nancy, in 1985, and the loving couple enjoyed traveling across the country together until wisely deciding to make the great state of Tennessee their permanent home; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to civilian life, this patriotic gentleman remained committed to his band of brothers and joined the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, as a valued member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6277 in Monterey, Mr. Humeniuk is charged with maintaining the Post's essential records and composing its monthly newsletter; and

WHEREAS, seeking a venue to remember and honor his fallen comrades and their selfless sacrifices, Mr. Humeniuk joined the Veterans Honor Guard as soon as it was created in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Vic Humeniuk has served with distinction as his Unit's Adjutant and Quartermaster since May of 1999, adeptly coordinating more than 2,100 services for funeral homes in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to devoting his time and energies to a plethora of civic endeavors, Mr. Humeniuk enjoys spending time with friends and family and taking his beloved canine companions, Sidney and Sandi, on their daily walks; and

WHEREAS, Vic Humeniuk's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work, common sense, and uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Humeniuk 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; 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 commend Vic Humeniuk for his many years of honorable and astute service as a member of the Veterans Honor Guard, salute his stalwart dedication to our nation's heroes, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success.

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