

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 593

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ronnie L. White on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie L. White, Millwright Skills Instructor at the Tennessee Technology Center (TTC) in Elizabethton, is one such estimable educator who evinces the greatest probity and excellence in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, after more than eighteen years as an educator, Mr. White is taking a much deserved retirement on February 29, 2012, having been a positive influence on so many lives; and

WHEREAS, in his tenure at TTC, Ronnie White initiated the Millright Skills Program, the only program of its type in the United States, that for twenty years has produced intelligent and capable professionals for the construction and maintenance of machinery; and

WHEREAS, prior to his work at TTC, Mr. White served for thirteen years at Fluor Daniel in Greenville, North Carolina, where he was responsible for the launch of the A.E. Staley Plant, a \$450 million project, and training their maintenance force; he also developed and administered the first training program to receive more than one million dollars in Job Training Partnership Act contracts for a single year and the first program to graduate more than 700 participants in the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, an alumnus of East Tennessee State University (ETSU), where he studied business administration, Ronnie White has continuously sought new learning opportunities, including management performance training at Aubrey Daniels & Associates in Atlanta and the critical path method of planning and scheduling program at the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, he also completed coursework in laser and optical alignment at Lucduca in Miami, the insulation and maintenance of high voltage at ETSU, and advanced training in blueprint reading, welding, and industrial electricity; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his extensive education, Ronnie White has earned his welding license from the United States Navy, state and city electrical and state electrical contracting licenses, a municipal plumbing license, a municipal air conditioning and refrigeration license, and Fluor Daniel craft certifications in rebar, millwright, electrician, pipefitter, instrumentation fitter, carpenter, and supervisor; and

WHEREAS, his vast expertise and decades of experience greatly served him as he trained countless individuals for gainful employment; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Ronnie White has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his students and 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 Ronnie L. White 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.