

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 921

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ray E. Richesin on the occasion of his retirement.

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, Ray E. Richesin is one such estimable person who, after serving with distinction in the field of municipal finance for over thirty-eight years, will soon take a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richesin graduated from the Knoxville College of Business with a degree in Accounting and completed all of the requirements for the designation of Certified Municipal Finance Officer; and

WHEREAS, before taking the helm at Alcoa's Department of Finance and Administration, he served with acumen and alacrity for over seventeen years as the City of Maryville's Deputy Finance Director and City Recorder; and

WHEREAS, having cultivated a reputation for the utmost integrity, Ray Richesin was appointed to the prestigious position of Director of Finance and Administration and City Recorder with the City of Alcoa in 1991, and has been ushering in a host of positive changes ever since; and

WHEREAS, for the past twenty-one years, Mr. Richesin has masterfully overseen all aspects of the Department of Finance and Administration, brilliantly managing not only a staff of over forty individuals but also all of the financial activities of the city's general government operations, which have a combined budget of approximately \$120 million; and

WHEREAS, Ray Richesin has also rendered sterling service as Alcoa's City Recorder; a diligent and reliable public servant, he is present at all meetings of the Board of Commissioners,

keeps a full and accurate record of all business transacted, and is responsible for the management and preservation of all the city's records; and

WHEREAS, a highly-influential figure in his field, Mr. Richesin has been a longstanding and active member of the Government Finance Officers Association, the Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association, and the Tennessee Association of Municipal Clerks and Recorders; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Richesin has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the public alike; 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 Ray E. Richesin our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to him our best wishes for 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.