

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 525

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to commend Jackie Wilkerson for his honorable and astute service to Robertson County and the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Wilkerson of Robertson County is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Wilkerson has served with valor throughout his expansive career as a first responder, rising from the front lines to executive command posts as he distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Wilkerson began his career as a firefighter with the Springfield Fire Department in May 1978, later advancing to engineer and Lieutenant before being named Fire Captain. He would complete his fifteen year tenure with Springfield in September 1993; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkerson served as Director of the Robertson County EMS from July 1988 until January 2011, Deputy Director of the Robertson County Emergency Management Agency from July 1988 until January 2011, and Robert County Emergency Communications District Board Chairman from September 1988 until January 2011; and

WHEREAS, respected by his peers and colleagues, Mr. Wilkerson has served as Chairman of the State EMS Board, advisor to Volunteer State Community College's EMS program, and President of the Middle Tennessee EMS Directors Association in addition to holding a number of board positions during his time as Director of Robertson County EMS, where he also served as fire coordinator Robertson County; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Tennessee Ambulance Service Association (TASA) for many years, Jackie Wilkerson served with acumen and alacrity as a paramedic for St. Thomas EMS from 2004 until 2011 when he became a state employee and was named Deputy Director of the Tennessee Department of Health; and

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

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Jackie Wilkerson epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Wilkerson 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jackie Wilkerson for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Robertson County and Tennessee and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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