

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 844

By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to recognize B. Campbell Smoot, Jr. for his honorable and astute service as President of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference.

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

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is B. Campbell Smoot, Jr. of Tullahoma who served with distinction as President of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference, distinguishing himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to this State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smoot served in the United States Army, 11th Airborne Division between 1955-1958 and the Tennessee National Guard between 1958-1960; and

WHEREAS, born in Memphis in 1936, B. Campbell Smoot earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from Auburn University in 1963, and in 1965, he earned a Master's degree in Wood Tech and attained his certification as a licensed land surveyor; from 1964-1965, he served as an instructor for Auburn University, Department of Forestry, before obtaining his Doctor of Jurisprudence at the University of Tennessee, College of Law, in 1972; and

WHEREAS, after earning his law degree, Mr. Smoot worked as an assistant district attorney general from 1973-1974 and engaged in private practice from 1973-1989; and

WHEREAS, recognized as a leader by his peers and colleagues, B. Campbell Smoot is currently serving his second term as President of the Tennessee District Public Defenders

Conference having previously served as vice president, secretary-treasurer, and member of the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected and admired member of his profession, B. Campbell Smoot serves on the Tennessee Bar Association Board of Governors and is a member of the Coffee County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smoot is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Judy, and his children; and

WHEREAS, B. Campbell Smoot epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, B. Campbell Smoot has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of members of the bar and bench and his community alike; 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 honor and commend B. Campbell Smoot, Jr. for his meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee as the President of the Tennessee Public Defenders Conference 2013-2014 and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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