

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 895

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Richard Floyd for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their district and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard Floyd of Chattanooga is one such distinguished public servant who served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Representative Floyd is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Chattanooga and Hamilton County; and he served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Richard Floyd distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 27<sup>th</sup> House District, who evinced their firm belief in his abilities as a legislator by electing him to serve three consecutive terms as their representative, a position in which he performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, a member of the 105<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies, Richard Floyd is respected by all as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process, Representative Floyd currently renders sterling service as Vice Chair of the House Local

Government Committee as well as a member of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and the House Local Government Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Floyd is a family man, retired businessman, and community leader, and he proves that citizens can make a difference by being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, Richard Floyd, who is Chattanooga born and bred, worked for Chattanooga Coca-Cola prior to his retirement, and he served his community through a number of civic organizations, including Bethel Bible Village, the Chattanooga Resource Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hamilton County, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the P.T.A. Christian Businessman Committee, N.R.A., and the Pachyderm Club; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding Christian faith, Richard Floyd is a member of Stuart Heights Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Representative Floyd received the 2008 Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association Community Service Award and the 2007 Red Bank Chamber Council Citizen of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Richard Floyd worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Richard Floyd is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Ann, and their three children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard Floyd 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 for his exemplary tenure in this body; 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 Representative Richard Floyd for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 27<sup>th</sup> House District and

Hamilton County, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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