

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 55

By Matheny

A RESOLUTION recognizing Bill Comer for his service to the Industrial Board of Coffee County Incorporated.

WHEREAS, the members of this body are honored to recognize those Tennesseans who dedicate themselves, in all their endeavors, to the pursuit of excellence, standing as inspirational figures in their professions, their communities, and this State; and

WHEREAS, Bill Comer of Tullahoma is one such sterling individual who recently retired from his position as the chairman of the Industrial Board of Coffee County Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Comer has served with distinction as a member of the Industrial Board of Coffee County since 1999. A retiree, Bill Comer was interested in serving the public, and wanted to help others in Coffee County do the same; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader with a gift for public service, Bill Comer has served as the chairman of the board since 2000 and, during his tenure, has played a role in the reversal of Coffee County's industrial development trend. Coffee County has seen four straight years of industrial growth since 2010, a welcome change for Coffee Countians following ten years of industrial decline between 2000 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the expansion of M-Tek, Van-Rob, and Viam, three companies already established in Coffee County, a number of other companies established themselves in Coffee County during Bill Comer's chairmanship, including Barfield Manufacturing, MDS Foods, Fischer Tool & Die, Newell Rubbermaid, Great Lakes Cheese, and Aspen Technologies; and

WHEREAS, through these changes, and many others, Mr. Comer guided the Industrial Board with acumen and alacrity, and his guidance and foresight will surely be missed. Fortunately for the members of the board, and for the good people of Coffee County, Mr. Comer will serve out the remaining four years of his six-year term after stepping down as chair; and

WHEREAS, Bill Comer earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia Tech and a Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee, both in electrical engineering, before becoming one of the founding engineers at the United States Air Force's Arnold Engineering Development Center (AEDC). He was one of the engineers who developed AEDC's wind tunnels and testing programs; and

WHEREAS, he retired from AEDC as the director of the Instrumentation Division in 1995, after which he served as a development specialist with Micro Craft Incorporated for two years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years as a member of the Industrial Board of Coffee County, Mr. Comer has remained dedicated to the highest levels of excellence while striving to serve the needs of Coffee County, and it is wholly fitting that he be recognized for his outstanding service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize Bill Comer for his many years of service as a member and chairman of the Industrial Board of Coffee County Incorporated on the occasion of his retirement as the board's chair, salute his commitment to Coffee County and Tennessee, and extend our best wishes for his continued success and happiness in the future.

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