

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 616

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Bill Snodgrass on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Snodgrass is one such estimable person who served with distinction as District Director of the 1st Congressional District for seventeen years, with more than half a century serving the public in various capacities; and

WHEREAS, born to the late Broten Snodgrass and Edna Snodgrass Johns in Kyles Ford, Dr. Snodgrass has three brothers, Stan, John, and Dwight; and

WHEREAS, he attended Kyles Ford Elementary School, Hancock County High School, and East Tennessee State University (ETSU), where he began to excel in public service, having served as a Resident's Assistant and a "walk-on" for the ETSU football team; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Snodgrass began his extensive career as a teacher, when he took a teaching and coaching position at Rogersville High School. Shortly after the opening of Hawkins County Elementary School, he transitioned to become the new school's principal, until 1980 when he went on to become Superintendent of Schools for Hawkins County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Snodgrass served as Hawkins County's superintendent from 1980 to 1984, when he became a School Improvement Specialist for the Department of Education, in which role he worked closely with educators throughout Northeast Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, while working with the Department of Education, Dr. Snodgrass returned to ETSU to earn his master's and doctorate degrees in education; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, he left his position with the Department of Education to work as District Director for Congressman William L. Jenkins for ten years and then, after a short retirement, with Congressman Phil Roe for seven more years. He retired once again in December of 2015; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated family man, Bill Snodgrass met his wife, Alice Heird, at ETSU and married her while they were both still completing their degrees. They later became parents to four children, Kim, Janice, David, and Billie Anne, and are now the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, tireless devotees of the Christian faith, Bill and Alice Snodgrass have been members of The First Baptist Church of Rogersville for more than fifty years, with Dr. Snodgrass having served in such various capacities as Sunday school teacher and elected deacon for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Snodgrass exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to his professional constituency, his community, and his family that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and the work of his career has been vital to improving the well-being of so many people, young and old alike, in both Hawkins County and Hancock County; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Snodgrass has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; 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 recognize and congratulate Dr. Bill Snodgrass upon his retirement, thank him for the exemplary leadership he has provided over the course of his long career, and extend to him our best wishes for success and enjoyment in all of 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.