

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 996

By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative David Shepard 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 David Shepard of Dickson is one such distinguished public servant who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability from the 102nd through the 109th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Representative Shepard is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of the 69th House District and Hickman, Maury, and Dickson counties, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, David Shepard has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 69th House District, who evinced their firm belief in his abilities as a legislator by electing him to serve eight consecutive terms as their representative, a position in which he performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, Representative David Shepard 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 Shepard has rendered sterling service as a member of the House Insurance

and Banking Committee, House Local Government Committee, House Ethics Committee, and the Joint Fiscal Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, he further served as the Vice Chair of the House Commerce Committee from 2007 to 2010; Secretary of the House Commerce Committee from 2005 to 2006; and member of the House Education Committee, House Health and Human Resources Committee, and House Commerce Committee from 2001 to 2004; and

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

WHEREAS, a decorated Vietnam War veteran, Representative Shepard proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1969 to 1971; and

WHEREAS, Representative Shepard earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a Pharm.D. from the University of Tennessee-Memphis College of Pharmacy; he is a retired federal employee of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, a clinical pharmacy specialist in psychiatry, and the president and owner of Community Pharmacy Care, a chain of small independent pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, he has donated his time and energies as a charter member and president of the Noon Rotary Club in Dickson and member of the University of Tennessee (UT) Board of Governors, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Hickman County and Dickson County chambers of commerce, and the Tennessee Municipal League Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, he has also lent his valued leadership abilities as a member of the Dickson City Council and as Vice Mayor of Dickson; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a legislator, David Shepard has 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, no stranger to accolades and awards, Representative Shepard has received the 1998 Bowl of Hygeia Award, 2004 Legislator of the Year Award from the Tennessee Development Association, 2004 Legislator of the Year Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 2005 Legislative Award from the ARC of Tennessee, 2006 Distinguished Service to Pharmacy Award from the UT College of Pharmacy, 2008 Hubert H. Humphrey Award from the American Pharmaceutical Association, 2008 UT College Pharmacy Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumnus Award, 2011 Friend of Education Award, and the 2012 Shelby Rhinehart Service Award for Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, David Shepard is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Martha, and their three children and their families, Christopher Burton Shepard; Stacy Lynn Levine, husband, Ethan Levine, and daughters, Clara Levine and Lucy Levine; and Benjamin Alan Shepard, wife, Kitzie Green Shepard, and children, Jack Shepard and McCall Shepard; and

WHEREAS, Representative David Shepard 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative David Shepard 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 69th House District, 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.