

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1068

By Hicks

A RESOLUTION to honor Mike Harrison for his meritorious service to the 9th House District, this General Assembly, and the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to a colleague who has left us after playing an essential role in this body for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Mike Harrison served Hancock and Hawkins counties with the utmost integrity, ability, and empathy during his tenure in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Mike Harrison was a loyal and effective spokesman for the good people of the 9th House District, whom he served as a member of the 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, and 109th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, one of the Tri-Cities region's most experienced members, Mike Harrison resigned at the end of 2015 to serve as executive director of the Tennessee Association of County Mayors, an organization that lobbies on behalf of county mayors across the State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Harrison served on the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the House Health Committee, and the Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee and was chair of the House Finance Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, a true man of the people, Mike Harrison "is a genuine and compassionate person. He doesn't care if you have a million dollars or a penny; he still will treat you the same"; and

WHEREAS, complimented by his former assistant as the "best boss-man," Mike Harrison was renowned for his large personality and loud voice throughout the legislative complex, and it has been said that you could hear him coming from Rogersville to the War Memorial Building; and

WHEREAS, Representative Harrison previously served with distinction as Hancock County Mayor from 1990 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, his legislative career aside, Mr. Harrison is most grateful for the love, companionship, and support he shares with his wife, Nikki, three children, and two grandchildren; the family attends East Rogersville Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mike Harrison always worked assiduously on behalf of his constituents, and we know that he will bring the same work ethic and enthusiasm to his new position; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mike Harrison is gone, but not forgotten, and he should be recognized for his thirteen years of outstanding service 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 honor Mike Harrison for his meritorious service to the 9th House District, this General Assembly, and the State of Tennessee, thank him for the great ability and tremendous volume he brought to this body, and wish him all the best in his new endeavors.

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