

SENATE BILL 1

By Jackson

P R O C L A M A T I O N

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

WHEREAS, Steve Ahillen is one such estimable person who served with probity as the city columnist for the *Knoxville News Sentinel*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ahillen worked for numerous years as the *Knoxville News Sentinel's* executive sports editor, a job that required exhausting, daily editorial work; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Steve Ahillen served as the newspaper's data editor, guiding the newspaper's technical capabilities through data visualization and spreadsheet analysis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ahillen worked alongside his wife, Linda Lange, who served as the newspaper's travel writer; and

WHEREAS, Steve Ahillen exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ahillen is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Steve Ahillen demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and a grateful public; now, therefore,

I, Ron Ramsey, Speaker of the Senate of the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, at the request of and in conjunction with Senator Becky Massey, do

hereby proclaim that we honor and commend Steve Ahillen for his years of meritorious service to the *Knoxville News Sentinel* and extend our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Proclaimed in Nashville, Tennessee on this the 3rd day of November, 2014.

Ron Ramsey
Speaker of the Senate

Becky Massey, Senator
6th Senate District