

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 468

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Pastor Bobby G. Stout for forty-three years of service.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bobby G. Stout is one such stalwart servant of the Lord, who faithfully served as the pastor of Pleasant Beach Baptist Church in Elizabethton for forty-three years and who continues to serve as Pastor Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Stout was born on January 17, 1944, to William E. Stout and Maggie Vines Stout, the youngest of fourteen children; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Hampton High School in 1962, he gained employment at North American Rayon in Elizabethton; and

WHEREAS, he felt called to the ministry during a camp meeting in North Carolina in 1966, and in 1969, he became the pastor of Pleasant Beach Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, during Pastor Stout's tenure, Pleasant Beach Baptist Church's average attendance rose from one hundred to more than five hundred congregants. New classrooms were added, as well as a new auditorium, pastorium, and a New Christian Life Center; and

WHEREAS, the church also began a bus ministry and a mission program which supports foreign missions and donations to local organizations, including Liberty Baptist College, the Carter County Rescue Squad, and the Tri-State Children's Home; and

WHEREAS, perhaps Pastor Stout's most popular outreach ministry at Pleasant Beach Baptist Church was the radio ministry, *The Baptist Revival Hour*, which was broadcast every Sunday morning for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bobby Stout is deeply devoted to his family and always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he has been married to his high school sweetheart, Janice Potter Stout, who retired from Elizabethton City Schools, since 1962; they are the proud parents of Tawana Stout Holland, LaDonna Stout Boone, and Bobby Stout, Jr.; and the loving grandparents of Emrie and Israel Boone, Audrey Holland, and Charlie and Jake Stout; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years in the ministry, Bobby G. Stout has served with dedication and devotion, and it is wholly fitting that he be recognized for his many contributions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Pastor Bobby G. Stout for his work for the Lord and the people of Carter County and Northeast Tennessee, extending our best wishes for his every future 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.