

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 691

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dennis Stephens on the occasion of his retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Dennis Stephens is one such estimable individual, who is taking a much-deserved retirement after serving with distinction for thirty years with the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephens is retiring from the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area's Facility Management Program, with which he served as a laborer, a maintenance worker, an automotive mechanic, a tractor operator, and an engineering equipment operator; and

WHEREAS, his many devoted years of service have involved a variety of tasks, including performing trail construction and maintenance throughout the backcountry of Big South Fork and maintaining daily operations to provide park visitors with a pleasant experience; and

WHEREAS, it was a common sight for visitors and coworkers alike to see Mr. Stephens hauling equipment throughout the park as he made his way to another project; and

WHEREAS, prior to working with the National Park Service, Dennis Stephens honorably served with the United States Marines as an aircraft maintenance ground safety equipment mechanic. He also worked as a crew leader for the Tennessee Valley Authority and as a truck driver based out of Atlanta, Georgia; he also has experience in the logging industry; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of McCreary County High School, Dennis Stephens studied diesel mechanics at the Somerset Vocational School; he plans to build hot rod cars during his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Stephens exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Stephens 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize Dennis Stephens on the occasion of his retirement and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for every continued success in all 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.