

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 867

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Art Swann 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 districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Art Swann of Maryville is one such distinguished public servant, who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Art Swann has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of Blount County, first as a member of the 94<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies representing House District 20 and again as a member representing the 8<sup>th</sup> House District during the 107<sup>th</sup>, 108<sup>th</sup>, 109<sup>th</sup>, and 110<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Representative Swann is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Blount County, having served with distinction as a member of the Blount County Commission from 1978 until 1982; he also served as chair of the Blount County Republican Party, vice chair of the Smoky Mountain Visitors Bureau, director of the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority, director of the Maryville-Alcoa Home Builders Association, director of the Maryville College Building and Grounds Committee, and a member of the Blount County Community Action Agency Board of Directors, the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, the Blount County Republican Party Executive Committee, the Tennessee Private Industry Council,

the Overlook Mental Health Board of Directors, and the Nine Counties One Vision Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, a retired local businessman, Representative Swann is the former owner of Cherokee Lumber and a former forest products representative, who was also involved in the real estate industry; and

WHEREAS, a 1971 graduate of Maryville High School, Art Swann majored in political science and history at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he served as vice president of student government; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Swann has rendered sterling service as secretary of the House Children and Family Affairs Committee and as a member of the House State and Local Committee, the House Commerce Committee, the House Conservation and Environment Committee, the House Conservation and Environment General Subcommittee, the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, the House Business and Utilities Committee, and the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Swann also served with distinction as chair of the House Business and Utilities Subcommittee during the 108<sup>th</sup>, 109<sup>th</sup>, and 110<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Swann was named Legislator of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Professional Surveyors in 2014; he was also recognized by the Tennessee Gas Association as a Friend of the Flame in 2016, and in that same year, he was inducted into *The Daily Times* of Blount County's Wall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Representative Swann is a family man, businessman, and civic leader, and he has proven that citizens can make a difference through being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Art Swann 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, Representative Art Swann 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Art Swann 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 Blount County, 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.