

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 878

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Mark Pody 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 General Assembly should pause to honor those fellow legislators who performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office were dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mark Pody of Lebanon is one such distinguished public servant who served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, an alumnus of Cumberland University, Mark Pody is an insurance salesman (CLU-CHFC and LUTCF-FICF) who has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 46<sup>th</sup> House District, whom he served as a member of the 107<sup>th</sup>, 108<sup>th</sup>, 109<sup>th</sup>, and the 110<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, a private pilot and member of the Civil Air Patrol, Representative Pody is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Cannon, Wilson, and DeKalb counties; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service in the House of Representatives, Mark Pody was prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Pody rendered sterling service as the vice chair of the House Consumer and Human Resources Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was also a principled member of the Joint Fiscal Review Committee, the House Insurance and Banking Committee, the House Business and Utilities Committee, the

House Commerce Committee, the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee, and the House Consumer and Human Resources Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, he gives back to his community through his work with the Lions Club and the chambers of commerce for Lebanon, Watertown and East Wilson, Cannon County, and DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pody also lends his leadership and thoughtfulness to a host of other organizations, including the National Federation of Independent Business; the Tennessee Firearms Association; the National Rifle Association; the General Agents & Managers Association, which he served as president; the National Association of Financial & Insurance Advisors; Chapter Life Underwriters; Chartered Financial Consultants; Gideons International; Tennessee Right to Life; and the Lebanon Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mark Pody is the recipient of the 2015 Child Advocacy Award in the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and the 2012 Friend of Business Award from the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a family man of the Christian faith, Mark Pody shares both love and companionship with his wife, Barbara; their two children, Kristina and Amy; and their twelve grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Mark Pody 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 Mark Pody 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 Mark Pody 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 the 46<sup>th</sup> House District, 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.