

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 83

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Michael J. "Mike" Evans on the occasion of his retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Michael J. "Mike" Evans is one such estimable individual, who served with distinction for nearly two decades as a key leader of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Economic Development Council; on December 31, 2018, he took a much-deserved retirement, bringing to a close his illustrious tenure with this organization; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Montgomery County for more than sixty-five years, Mr. Evans began his career with the Clarksville-Montgomery County Economic Development Council in October 1999, when he became executive director of the Industrial Development Board; in this capacity, he was integral in securing approximately \$4.8 billion in capital investment and recruiting and retaining 7,600 jobs, including creating the Corporate Business Park, which has grown to include a north and south expansion and is home to some of the largest names in global industry, including LG, Google, and Hankook Tire; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2018, Mike Evans was selected to become executive director of the Economic Development Council; as such, he furthered the council's goal of countywide facilitation and promotion of economic development initiatives and supported its member entities: the Industrial Development Board, Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of his role as executive director of the Economic Development Council, Mr. Evans also served as the director of the Aspire Clarksville Foundation, a privately

funded nonprofit organization that helps finance the initiatives of the council and its member entities; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Clarksville-Montgomery County Economic Development Council, Mr. Evans worked in local industry and served as a comptroller for more than twenty years; he holds a bachelor's degree from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, a trusted leader among his peers, Mike Evans has served on the boards of the Tennessee Economic Development Council and the Tennessee Economic Partnership and as a member of the Southern Economic Development Council; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Evans has been honored with the prestigious Legacy Award from the Tennessee Economic Development Council, an award that seeks to recognize those in the economic development community who have had an extraordinary impact on their profession and community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many successes, Mike Evans has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Mary Michael, and their two children and four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Evans exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mike Evans has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Michael J. "Mike" Evans our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in 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.