

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 617

By Boyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jeff Cherry for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee as an attorney.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those outstanding citizens who have distinguished themselves as members of the bar through their ongoing commitment to justice and equity under the law; and

WHEREAS, an attorney who practices throughout Middle Tennessee, Jeff Cherry has enjoyed great success in representing clients charged with driving offenses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cherry regularly represents clients before the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, and in 2012, he was successful in reversing a criminal conviction and a twenty-four-year sentence before that court; and

WHEREAS, he also handles complex personal injury matters, including wrongful death and workers' compensation cases, and works diligently to ensure that his clients receive the maximum benefit under the law; and

WHEREAS, a devoted servant of the legal profession, Mr. Cherry is a member of the Nashville Bar Association, 15th Judicial District Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, American Bar Association, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and American Association for Justice; and

WHEREAS, he was elected president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for 2018-2019 and was honored with its 2015 Workhorse Award for the extensive work he has done for the organization; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Cherry obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1990; he received his Juris Doctorate from the Nashville School of Law in 2001 and was admitted to the Tennessee bar that same year; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming an attorney, Mr. Cherry proudly served the citizens of Nashville as a sworn police officer; he ranked second in his graduating class at the Metro Nashville Police Training Academy in 1991 and subsequently received the TOP GUN award; and

WHEREAS, certified as a trainer of police officers by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, Jeff Cherry taught law at the Metro Nashville Police Training Academy to a number of recruit classes and held annual in-service training for veteran officers; and

WHEREAS, prior to his assignment to the Police Training Academy, Mr. Cherry served in Patrol, the Crime Suppression Unit, the Crime Prevention Division, and the Legal Resource Division; on three occasions, he was honored with the Exemplary Service Award for his daily commitment to excellence in carrying out his assigned duties; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Stacey Bradford Cherry, and three children; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Cherry epitomizes the spirit of fair play and commitment to justice that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Jeff Cherry for his acumen and integrity as an attorney; 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 honor and commend Jeff Cherry for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee as an attorney and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.