

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1158

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to recognize Steve Underwood on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor an individual who has performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout his years as a professional sports executive; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Titans president and chief executive officer Steve Underwood is taking his much-deserved retirement from the National Football League (NFL) franchise for the second time in a career with the organization that spans four decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Underwood began his career in Houston, Texas, in 1977 as general counsel for KSA Industries, Inc., the private-holding company of K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr., and he joined the Houston Oilers, Mr. Adams's NFL franchise, in that same capacity in 1991; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Steve Underwood has held a number of roles in the organization, and he was heavily involved in issues related to the franchise's relocation to Tennessee as one of the Titans's principal negotiators with local governments in Nashville, Memphis, and Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Mr. Underwood followed the Titans to Nashville to oversee the organization as senior executive vice president and general counsel, reporting directly to Mr. Adams; he retired after five years as senior executive vice president, general counsel, and chief operating officer in 2011; and

WHEREAS, although he enjoyed his first retirement and traveled extensively with his wife, he returned to his beloved Titans on March 20, 2015, as interim president and chief executive officer; the following January, his interim position became a permanent one; and

WHEREAS, while he is retiring as president and chief executive officer, Mr. Underwood will continue on as a senior counselor for the Titans organization; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Frances, and his daughters, Christy, Melissa, Providence, and Liberty, and he cherishes the memory of his son, Dennis; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Underwood has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the Tennessee Titans and fans everywhere; 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 Steve Underwood 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.