

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1191

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. David Cox for his professional achievements as an educator.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes pride in honoring those esteemed individuals who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Cox is one such noteworthy person, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a renowned professor of urban administration, politics and problems, and community building, Dr. Cox has enjoyed a long and illustrious academic career; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Cox is an honors graduate of Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1965; in 1969, he earned his Master of Arts degree from the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, and in 1977, he completed his Ph.D. at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, professor emeritus in the division of public administration, Dr. Cox formerly served the University of Memphis as the executive assistant to the president; chairman of the Department of Political Science; director of the division of public administration, the division of health administration, the Institute for Governmental Studies and Research, and the Center for Urban Research and Extension; and acting associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Memphis. He also served on loan from the university as director of the Office of University Partnerships for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development from 1998 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cox is an active and dynamic member of his profession; his research, outreach, and publications have centered on the effect of urban governance structures on the

responsiveness, equity, and effectiveness of public policies and on strategies for inter-organizational collaboration. His work has been supported by more than \$7,000,000 in nationally competitive grants; and

WHEREAS, called upon for his singular skills and exemplary character, Dr. David Cox estimably served as chairman of the board of the Association for Community-Higher Education Partnerships, and he is a member of the National Review Board; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, this devoted professional is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Award, the National Outstanding Community Commitment Award, the Certificate for Superior Accomplishment from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Superior Performance in University Research awards, and a Rotary International Graduate Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Cox has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, and he should be specially recognized; 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 Dr. David Cox for his manifold achievements as an educator, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best 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.