

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 203

By Briggs

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jack McElroy on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Jack McElroy is one such estimable person, who recently took his much-deserved retirement after serving an illustrious career in journalism that spanned forty-three years; and

WHEREAS, born in Tucson, Arizona, Jack McElroy earned his bachelor's degree in English from the University of Arizona and his master's degree in management from the University of New Mexico; his first newspaper job was as a reporter in Douglas, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, for fourteen years, Mr. McElroy worked as a reporter and managing editor at *The Albuquerque Tribune* in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He then moved to the *Rocky Mountain News* in Denver, Colorado, in 1991 and served as the newspaper's managing editor. He was appointed editor of the *Knoxville News Sentinel* in November 2001 and retired as the newspaper's executive editor; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Jack McElroy has been recognized for the quality of his work. During his time at the *Rocky Mountain News*, the newspaper was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for its photo coverage of the shooting at Columbine High School, and, under his leadership at the *Knoxville News Sentinel*, the newspaper received the national Associated Press Media Editors First Amendment Award twice; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McElroy is a founding board member of the Tennessee Coalition for Open Government and past president of the Tennessee Press Association; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Debra, and their three children; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. McElroy has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Jack McElroy for his forty-three year career in journalism, commend him for his exemplary service to the *Knoxville News Sentinel* on the occasion of his retirement, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for much 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.