

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 336

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Doug Markham 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 service; and

WHEREAS, Doug Markham is one such estimable individual, who, for the last thirty-one years, has served with distinction in the communications department of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Markham will be taking a much deserved retirement on July 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Doug Markham is one of the most recognizable individuals in the outdoors world in Tennessee; in addition to his work with the TWRA, he served as a host for local hunting and fishing television and radio shows, including *Outdoors with Doug Markham*, a radio show on Nashville's 99.7-FM; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Mr. Markham is an accomplished author; he has penned two books: *Boxes, Rockets, and Pens: A History of Wildlife Recovery in Tennessee* and *The Compleat Tennessee Angler: Everything You Need to Know About Fishing in the Volunteer State*; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Father Ryan High School and Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), Doug Markham spent ten years early in his career as co-host of *The Tennessean Outdoorsman* television show alongside Glenn Smith and former *Tennessean* sports writer Jimmy Holt; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Mr. Markham is a member of the MTSU College of Mass Communications Wall of Fame; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Markham has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere 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 extend to Doug Markham 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.