

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 632

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to commend Jeff Fleming for his honorable and astute service as Kingsport city manager.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Fleming is one such person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; after serving the people of the City of Kingsport for thirty-five years, he will take his well-deserved retirement on June 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a Kingsport native, Mr. Fleming began his tenure with the City of Kingsport in 1984 as an intern from East Tennessee State University; within a month, he met a fellow intern who later became his wife; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Mr. Kingsport," Jeff Fleming has worked for six mayors and six city managers and held a number of positions in city government, including planner, superintendent of public works, geographical information systems manager, assistant city manager, and, most recently, city manager; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary five-year-tenure as Kingsport city manager, Mr. Fleming has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, he is grateful to share both love and companionship with his wife and family; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Fleming is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; 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 commend Jeff Fleming for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Kingsport city manager 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.