

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 634

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the Honorable David A. Patterson upon his exemplary tenure as Criminal Court Judge, Division II for the 13th Judicial District.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to honor an outstanding jurist who, having faithfully discharged his duties for many years, is embarking upon a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Judge David A. Patterson of Cookeville has devoted his entire career to the 13th Judicial District, both at the bar and on the bench; he will retire on June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Judge Patterson has rendered thirty-five years of astute service to the 13th Judicial District, first as a youth service officer, then as a prosecutor, and presently as a criminal court judge; and

WHEREAS, Judge Patterson's career in criminal justice began in 1983 when he gained employment as a youth service officer for the Putnam County Juvenile Court; while working in this capacity, he attended Nashville School of Law and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1989; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, he became an Assistant District Attorney for the 13th Judicial District and quickly ascended the ranks to serve as Chief Deputy in that office; and

WHEREAS, first elected to the bench in 2006, Judge Patterson now presides over Division II of the Criminal Court for the seven counties that comprise the 13th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service on the bench, Judge Patterson has been an adjunct professor at Tennessee Technological University for the past twenty years, teaching political science and criminal justice courses; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his law degree, he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from Central Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Judge Patterson is most grateful for the love, support, and companionship he shares with his wife of forty-five years, Barbara "Bobbie" Patterson; son and daughter-in-law, Nathaniel "Nate" and Genevieve "Genny" Patterson; daughter, Andrea Patterson; and grandsons, Henry and Joseph; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his brilliant career, Judge David A. Patterson has distinguished himself as an attorney and judge committed to the highest precepts of justice, and he should be honored on this special occasion; 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 and commend Judge David A. Patterson on thirty-five years of steadfast service to the 13th Judicial District as a prosecutor and judge, salute his exemplary tenure on the District's Criminal Court, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.