

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1052

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Fred Campbell upon winning the Bricklayer 500 World Championship for the third time.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those master craftsmen who have dedicated their careers to improving and promoting their respective professions; and

WHEREAS, Fred Campbell, a master brick mason who owns and operates Creative Masonry in Greeneville, is one such outstanding craftsman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell recently won this year's Bricklayer 500 World Championship and was rightly crowned "World's Best Bricklayer"; and

WHEREAS, a three-time champion of the event, Mr. Campbell previously won the "Super Bowl of Masonry" in 2013 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, contestants were charged with the task of building a twenty-six-foot-long brick wall in one hour with as few errors as possible; working quickly with flawless technique, Mr. Campbell finished with a brick count of 756 to claim the championship; and

WHEREAS, during each of the nine years he has competed in the Bricklayer 500 World Championship, Mr. Campbell has been fortunate to have the assistance of mason tender Tony Shelton, who was honored as "Toughest Tender" at the 2014 and 2016 events; and

WHEREAS, Fred Campbell is a master craftsman with an unparalleled work ethic who truly understands how to build a beautiful building; and

WHEREAS, he takes pride in his work and his profession and promotes the future of the industry by offering apprenticeships and classes to teach young people the skills of the masonry trade; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell's superb craftsmanship is on display in many projects in Greene County, including the new Walters State Community College building; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who understands the responsibilities of citizenship, he recently donated his labor and resources to lay the block and brick foundation for the Isaiah 117 House in Greeneville; and

WHEREAS, after defending his title next year, Mr. Campbell will retire from competition to serve as a judge at the Bricklayer 500; and

WHEREAS, Fred Campbell has reached the very pinnacle of competition in his field, and he is most worthy of our approbation; 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 congratulate Fred Campbell upon winning the Bricklayer 500 World Championship for the third time, honor him as the "World's Best Bricklayer," and extend to him our best 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.