

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1274

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to recognize Wayne "Buddy" Ingram on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those individuals who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Wayne "Buddy" Ingram is one such estimable person who has served with probity for forty-five years with Tennessee State Parks in the Department of Environment and Conservation; he has recently taken his well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingram spent his entire career at Cedars of Lebanon State Park, one of the first State parks designated in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, starting as a park attendant, he became manager of Cedars of Lebanon State Park in 2015; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Ingram's management, the park won awards for Excellence in Innovation in 2015 and Excellence in Resource Management in 2017; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished banjoist, Mr. Ingram won the National Old-Time Banjo Award and organized the Tennessee Banjo Institute in 1988, 1990, and 1992, which earned him the Ranger of the Year award in 1988; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Ingram served Tennessee State Parks with acumen and alacrity, and his efforts have surely contributed to the health, beauty, and prosperity of this great State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingram has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of this State; 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 Wayne "Buddy" Ingram our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in all 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.