

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1282

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to recognize Parker Hardy on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Parker Hardy is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction during his tenure as president and chief executive officer of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, after more than twenty-three years of exemplary service, Mr. Hardy recently announced that he will be taking a much-deserved retirement on June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Parker Hardy began his illustrious tenure with the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce in November 1996, having previously served as chief executive officer of chambers in North Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hardy's key accomplishments while leading the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce include the successful recruitment of many new retail operations, such as Main Street Oak Ridge and Towne Place Suites by Marriott, and the new residential developments in the community, including The Preserve, Groves Park Commons, Forest Creek Village, Bristol Park, Centennial Village, and Centennial Bluff; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce received the American Chamber of Commerce Association Chamber of the Year designation in 2010 and has become a Four-Star Accredited Chamber of Commerce by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Hardy enjoys the love and support of his wife, Robin, and their sons, Andrew and John; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Parker Hardy has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Oak Ridge; 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 Parker Hardy 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.