

SENATE RESOLUTION 57
By Wilder

A RESOLUTION to honor Monroe Graves on the occasion of his retirement as Chief Sergeant-at-Arms for the Tennessee State Senate.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Graves is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 18 years as Sergeant-at-Arms and as the Chief Sergeant-at-Arms for the Tennessee State Senate; and

WHEREAS, this native of Lebanon, Tennessee, has been a source of joy for all who encountered him; in his years of service, rarely has an unpleasant word been said of him; and

WHEREAS, he often keeps treats in the drawer of his desk for his many colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Graves is an active and vital part of the community and his profession; he is a lover of dancing and traveling; and

WHEREAS, Monroe is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Lou "Lou Lou" Graves, his two children, his 3 grandchildren and his 5 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Lou Lou enjoys talking about her husband of 60 years; she is especially fond of the way he falls asleep in the living room chair sometimes; and

WHEREAS, highly recognized as a professional and friend, Monroe Graves is regarded by his peers as being both pleasant and energetic in his duties; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Graves exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Graves' adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Mr. Monroe Graves our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in 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.