

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1006

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Stephen D. Livesay on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding school administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual is Dr. Stephen D. Livesay, the seventh president of Bryan College, who will take his well-deserved retirement on July 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Livesay's tenure as president, Bryan College has experienced significant growth, with the addition of online graduate and undergraduate programs and new physical facilities, including the Stophel Welcome Center facility; and

WHEREAS, many new programs have been added, including Dual Enrollment, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education, and Master of Christian Studies degree programs; in addition, the Military and Veteran Services department opened in 2016, followed by the Vogel School of Engineering in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Livesay and Bryan College started the Bryan Opportunity Scholarship Program, which has provided 311 scholarships for students since 2008, and earned a ten-year articulation reaffirmation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephen Livesay came to Bryan College in February 2003 from Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi, where he held administrative and teaching positions for ten years, and Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, where he taught for seven years. He previously taught history, English, and Bible and was the cross country and basketball coach at a Christian high school in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, a Fellow at the Cornwall Alliance, Dr. Livesay holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Bob Jones University, a Master of Arts degree from Oakland University, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, he is the past board chairman of the National Association of Christian Athletes, and he hosted a weekly radio broadcast, *Life Today*, for more than twelve years; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Livesay is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Corinne, and their three adult children and two grandsons; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Stephen Livesay has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the students, parents, faculty, staff, and board members of Bryan College; 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 Dr. Stephen D. Livesay our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applaud his dedication to the college students of Tennessee, and wish him much happiness 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.