

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 145

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A RESOLUTION to honor Stancil Ford of Hamblen County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Stancil Ford is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a native and longtime resident of Hamblen County, Mr. Ford has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community through his service as a member of the Hamblen County Commission and the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ford has served for more than twenty-five years on the Hamblen County Commission, thirteen years of which he has served as chair of the commission; and

WHEREAS, elected to higher office in 1994, Stancil Ford served four terms in the Tennessee House of Representatives as a State Representative until 2002; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Tennessee General Assembly, he played an influential role in funding Panther Creek State Park and seeing the completion of the park's overlook, which is being named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, he has also served on the boards of Morristown Parks and Recreation, Youth Emergency Shelter, Lakeway Regional Hospital, Morristown Hamblen Healthcare System Board of Trustees, Hamblen County Board of Education Advisory Committee, Morristown Chamber of Commerce, and Hamblen County Literacy Council, and he was chair of the 911 board and the Solid Waste board; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed a forty-year career with AT&T and retired from the position of outside plant manager; and

WHEREAS, Stancil Ford is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Stancil Ford is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Stancil Ford upon the naming of the overlook at Panther Creek State Park in his honor and commend him for his many years of public service as a member of the Hamblen County Commission and the Tennessee House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.