



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 345

By Representative Sargent

and

Senators Herron, Barnes, Beavers, Bell, Berke, Burks, Campfield, Crowe, Faulk, Finney, Ford, Gresham, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Marrero, McNally, Norris, Overbey, Roberts, Southerland, Stewart, Summerville, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Woodson, Yager

A RESOLUTION to recognize Charles R. "Dick" Blackburn on the occasion of his Retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Charles R. "Dick" Blackburn is one such estimable person; and

WHEREAS, after nearly thirty years of distinguished service with the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations (TAMHO), Mr. Blackburn will be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, the TAMHO is a statewide trade association which represents Community Mental Health Centers and other nonprofit corporations that provide behavioral health services; these organizations have historically met the needs of mentally ill and chemically dependent citizens of Tennessee from all age groups and socioeconomic levels; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackburn began his estimable career at the TAMHO on June 1, 1982; and

WHEREAS, he was designated a Certified Association Executive by the American Society of Association Executives and, during his tenure, he has been recognized as a leader in the field of mental health and substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Dick Blackburn has graciously donated his time and energies to numerous organizations, including serving on the boards/commissions of the Mental Health Planning Council, TennCare Partners Roundtable, Tennessee Coalition for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Mental Health Association of Nashville, Mental Health Association of Tennessee, Tennessee Voices for Children, and the Community Rehabilitation Agencies of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Blackburn was named the Tennessee Society of Association Executives' Executive of the Year in 1996, and he is a recipient of the TAMHO President's Award, the Mental Health Association of Tennessee's Mental Health Professional of the Year award, and the national Council for Community Behavioral Health's Public Policy Award; and

WHEREAS, Dick Blackburn is also a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, he is deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dick Blackburn is perhaps most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Glenda; his daughters, Erinn and Amanda and their spouses; and his five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Mr. Blackburn is looking forward to spending more time with his family in Tennessee and in Florida; and

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

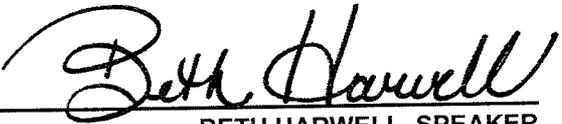
WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Blackburn has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Charles R. "Dick" Blackburn our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling Retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

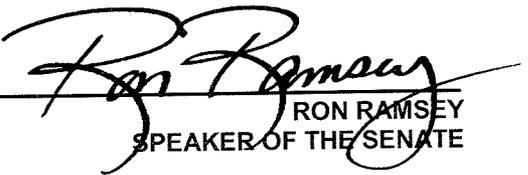
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 5, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 16th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR