

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 267

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to recognize Gallatin Fire Chief William L. Crook 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, William L. "Billy" Crook is one such estimable person, who served with distinction for forty-nine years as a member of the Gallatin Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 1966, Billy Crook was hired as a firefighter. He was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief on June 1, 1974, and on June 19, 2007, he was appointed as Fire Chief; he served with valor and pride in all positions until the time of his much-deserved retirement from the Gallatin Fire Department on March 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Chief Crook was an extremely dedicated firefighter and commander, and many of those who experienced his camaraderie and tutelage have noted that it has been his support of colleagues and crew that has been most remarkable and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, longevity such as that which Chief Crook has displayed in his professional capacity is rare, and is most deserving of the recognition and accolades of his community and this State; and

WHEREAS, in tribute to Chief Crook, city leaders have named the street in front of the main fire hall in honor of him; and

WHEREAS, Billy Crook exemplifies the spirit and dedication that are characteristic of true Tennesseans and has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity working in the public sector, and he should be recognized by the members of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Gallatin Fire Chief William L. "Billy" Crook on the occasion of his retirement, thank him for his tenure as a professional firefighter, and extend our best wishes to him for success in all of 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.