

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7020

By Clemmons

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Gilbert "Gil" Long on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those exemplary individuals who have contributed significantly to Tennessee's diverse and dynamic culture, winning acclaim for their endeavors in the field of music; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Gilbert "Gil" Long, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity throughout his forty-five-year career with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Long recently took his much-deserved retirement as Principal Tuba, having impeccably anchored the orchestra's brass section since 1978; and

WHEREAS, a Nashville native and Hillwood High School graduate, Gil Long received a Bachelor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Louisville in 1975; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Nashville Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Long was involved with the Nashville Symphony Youth Orchestra and served as Principal Tuba with the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra from 1975 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, a highly accomplished musician, Gil Long has frequently performed with the Nashville Ballet, Nashville Opera, Nashville Chamber Brass Society, and the Nashville Contemporary Brass Quintet; and

WHEREAS, he has additionally performed with the Louisville Orchestra, Huntsville Symphony, Alabama Symphony, Mr. Jack Daniel's Original Silver Cornet Band, Belmont Brass Quintet, Blair Brass Quintet, Nashville String Machine, Middle Tennessee State University Brass Quintet, and Middle Tennessee State University Wind Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, his many solo performances include appearances at the Fish Creek Music Festival and Southeastern Horn Conference and studio work in Nashville, where he has recorded with Mr. Jack Daniel's Original Silver Cornet Band, Nashville Contemporary Brass

Quintet, Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant, Larnell Harris, Sandy Patty, Crystal Gayle, Garth Brooks, Box Car 20, Jars of Clay, Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens), Faith Hill, Ronnie Milsap, and David Clydesdale; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Long counts among his credits performances for CNN, American Airlines, ESPN, *Best Little Whore House in Texas*, *Ernest Goes to Jail*, *Ernest Goes to Camp*, *The Johnny Cash Show*, the brass quintet recording, *Classical Brass and Classical Wedding*, and multiple recordings with the Nashville Symphony, of which, *Made in America* won a Grammy Award; and

WHEREAS, his ties to the Nashville Symphony run deep, as his father, Rufus Long, was Principal Flute for the Nashville Symphony for many years, and his wife, Erin Long, was a First Violinist with the symphony as well; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Long's service as Principal Tuba with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra and his spirit and commitment to this State's rich musical heritage are wholly deserving of esteem and recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Gilbert "Gil" Long our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, offering our deepest gratitude for his distinguished service with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra and wishing him 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.