

HOUSE RESOLUTION 8009 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Mitchell

A RESOLUTION to commend Steve Hawkins for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as deputy commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pay tribute to those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Steve Hawkins served as deputy commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development until June 2020; he recently took his much-deserved retirement, bringing to a close an exemplary tenure of devoted, capable service to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Steve Hawkins enjoyed a thirty-four-year career as a State employee with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, beginning in December 1986 as an Occupational Safety Specialist 1; and

WHEREAS, recognized for his exceptional job performance, he rose through the ranks of Occupational Safety Specialist and was named a supervisor in July 1995 and director in August 1999, before being named the assistant administrator of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development in July 2006; and

WHEREAS, in March 2012, Steve Hawkins was chosen to serve as the assistant commissioner of the department, and in May 2019, he was named the deputy commissioner, in which position he ably served with intellect, drive, commitment, and an affinity for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Commissioner Hawkins served as the department's representative to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and the Tennessee Emergency Response Commission; and

WHEREAS, he rendered sterling service as a member of the Tennessee Blasting Advisory Council, the Tennessee Associated Builders and Contractors Safety Advisory Committee, the Associated General Contractors Safety Committee, the Tennessee Government Leadership Council, and the Tennessee Road Builders Association Safety Committee and co-chair of the Tennessee Safety and Health Conference; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hawkins has also served as a member of the Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Advisory Board at Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Bellevue High School, Mr. Hawkins received his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Steve Hawkins is fortunate to enjoy the love and support of his two daughters, Sarah Beth McGehee and Catherine Hawkins; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Commissioner Steve Hawkins 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commend Steve Hawkins for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as deputy commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development and wish him all the best 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.