

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1571

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Connie Ball upon his receipt of the 2024 Great Smoky Mountain Council Good Scout Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Connie Ball, who is being honored with the 2024 Good Scout Award by the Great Smoky Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America for his outstanding leadership in Cocke County and his support and promotion of Scouting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ball will receive this prestigious award at the Cocke County Good Scout Award Dinner on Monday, April 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, born in Del Rio to Lon and Erdine Ball, Connie Ball attended Northport Elementary School and graduated from Cocke County High School in 1969; he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation from Carson-Newman College in 1973 and a master's degree in administration and supervision from East Tennessee State University in 1989; and

WHEREAS, a former educator, Mr. Ball retired from the Cocke County School System in 2013 after forty years of service; he taught at Edgemont Elementary School from 1973 to 1980, and he was the principal of Del Rio Elementary School from 1980 to 1995; he returned to Edgemont Elementary School in 1995 and spent the remainder of his educational career there, serving as principal; and

WHEREAS, wholly dedicated to his community, Connie Ball was the founder of the Cocke County Sportsman Club in the early 1980s and a founding board member of the Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS, he also served as mayor of the City of Newport for fourteen years and as an alderman for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ball currently serves as vice mayor of the City of Newport and is a reserve deputy with the Cocke County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, he is a valued member of a number of civic and community organizations, including the Newport Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, a man of abiding faith, Connie Ball is a lifelong member of Newport Church of Christ, where he serves as an elder; and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife of forty-nine years, Marsha Hurley Ball; they are the proud parents of Amy Jessica Ball and Connie "C.J." (Tiffany) Ball, Jr., and the loving grandparents of Taelyr Ball and Sully Ball; and

WHEREAS, through his estimable service to Cocke County, Connie Ball epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Ball for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Connie Ball upon his receipt of the 2024 Great Smoky Mountain Council Good Scout Award, thank him for his meritorious service to Cocke County and this State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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.