

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 138

By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to commend Robert T. Lee for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Robert T. "Bobby" Lee of Nashville is one such commendable person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as General Counsel for the Comptroller of the Treasury, Mr. Lee distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community and this State; and

WHEREAS, a 1984 graduate of Tennessee Technological University, Bobby Lee began his illustrious career in State government in 1984, when he began work as a field appraiser for the Division of Property Assessments; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, he accepted the post of Personal Property Appraiser, a position in which he exercised oversight of the State's tangible personal property assessment; and

WHEREAS, after obtaining his Juris Doctor degree from the Nashville School of Law in 1989, Mr. Lee became a staff attorney for the Division of Property Assessments, and served with distinction in that capacity; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Lee joined the Office of the Comptroller as a staff attorney in 1995 and gained the position of General Counsel in 2001; throughout his outstanding term of service, he always evinced the utmost ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, an active and dynamic member of his profession, Mr. Lee is a valued member of the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO), for which he served two

terms on the legal committee, the Tennessee Chapter of the IAAO, and the Tennessee Association of Property Tax Professionals; and

WHEREAS, he further served as the Comptroller's designee on the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board and the Highway Officials Certification Board; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, this devoted professional was presented the prestigious Outstanding Public Service Professional Award by the County Officials Association of Tennessee in 2011; was given the Award of Excellence by the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officials in both 1999 and 2008; and was named Member of the Year by the Tennessee Chapter of the International Association of Assessing Officers in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Lee's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, Mr. Lee epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Bobby Lee is the proud father of two sons, Josh and Jordan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee is also an avid sports enthusiast, who helped establish the West Wilson Middle School Athletic Booster Club, served four years as president of the Wilson Central Wildcats Booster Club, relished time spent coaching basketball and baseball, and especially enjoyed watching his sons play sports; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Robert T. Lee for his honorable and astute service to Tennessee as General Counsel for the Comptroller of the Treasury, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and happiness 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.