

TENNESSEE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

A RESOLUTION to honor Mayor Tom Rowland of Cleveland, Tennessee, for meritorious service on the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor members upon completion of their terms who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts have ensured proper attention to innumerable issues in fulfillment of the Commission's mission to serve as a forum for the discussion and resolution of intergovernmental problems, to provide high quality research support to state and local government officials in order to improve the overall quality of government in Tennessee, and to improve the effectiveness of the intergovernmental system to better serve the citizens of Tennessee;

WHEREAS, Mayor Tom Rowland, a native of Florida who settled in Cleveland, Tennessee, is a veteran of the United States Air Force, and retired as a Colonel from the Tennessee State Guard;

WHEREAS, Mayor Rowland has benefited from the love and support of his wife Sandra throughout their nearly 50 years of marriage. Mayor Rowland has three children, Bobby Rowland, Carmen Johnson, and the late Cindy Rowland Grant. He is the proud grandfather of eight grandchildren; Kayla, Joshua, Kyle, Barrett, Alex, Blake, Tripp, and Chris;

WHEREAS, Mayor Rowland, who has served his community as mayor since 1991 and is currently serving his sixth term, is the longest sitting mayor in Tennessee;

WHEREAS, Mayor Rowland is also the longest serving mayor in the history of Cleveland, a distinction for which he is listed in the Congressional Records of the 110th Congress;

WHEREAS, Mayor Rowland's dedication to his community has been recognized by his being named Mayor of the Year in 2004 and Tennessee's Community Leader of the Year in 2009;

WHEREAS, Mayor Rowland has made valuable contributions to the citizens of this state through numerous leadership roles, including as past president of the East Tennessee Mayors Association, twice past president of the Tennessee Municipal League, and as vice-chairman of the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund;

WHEREAS, Mayor Rowland has also served his community, his state, and his nation through service on many committees and boards, including the boards of Cleveland/Bradley Keep America Beautiful, the Board of Public Utilities for the City of Cleveland, the Economic Development Council of the Cleveland/Bradley County Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Development Board of Cleveland and Bradley County, the Tennessee Risk Management Pool; and two standing committees of the United States Conference of Mayors;

WHEREAS, this extraordinary gentleman is co-founder of Cleveland 100, an organization that assists surviving family members of emergency personnel killed in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, in addition to these leadership roles, Mayor Rowland served with distinction on the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations from August 1995 through August 2017, serving continuously as vice-chairman beginning in 2002, helping provide leadership and direction to the Commission's staff; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TENNESSEE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS that we hereby honor and commend Mayor Rowland for his valuable contributions to the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations for 22 years and for his honorable and dedicated service to the good people of the city of Cleveland and this great state.

Senator Mark Norris, Chairman