

## **TENNESSEE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

A RESOLUTION to honor Senator Jim Tracy of Shelbyville, 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, in November 2017 Senator Tracy's term with the Commission ended with his appointment as the United States Department of Agriculture Tennessee Director for Rural Development;

WHEREAS, Senator Tracy, a native of Tennessee who has spent nearly all of his life in Tennessee, earned his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Education at The University of Tennessee at Martin and has served his community as a former science teacher and coach and former TSSAA and NCAA basketball referee;

WHEREAS, Senator Tracy has since 1985 enjoyed a successful career as a small business owner in Shelbyville, Tennessee, and with his wife, Trena, has raised three wonderful children, Chad, Craig, and Connor;

WHEREAS, Senator Tracy has been recognized for his leadership over the years, including among many other awards and acknowledgements, the 2004-2008 UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Advisory Council Award, both the 2006 and 2007 The Arc of Tennessee Legislative Award, both the 2007 and 2009 South Central Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year Award, the 2008 MTSU Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Fraternity Award, the 2011 TN Association of Chiefs of Police Legislative Award, and the 2014 Habitat for Humanity of Tennessee Legislator Award;

WHEREAS, Senator Tracy has served his community as a member of the Senate from the 104<sup>th</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies, being first elected in 2004;

WHEREAS, Senator Tracy has, among other assignments, served as Senate Speaker Pro Tempore, Assistant Floor Leader of the Senate Republican Caucus, the Chair of the Senate Transportation and Safety Committee, Vice-Chair of the Senate State and Local Government Committee, and a member of the Senate Education Committee, the Council for Pensions and Insurance Joint Committee, the Joint Veterans Affairs Committee; the Long Term Care Advisory Council, and the Commission on Aging and Disabilities;

WHEREAS, in addition to these leadership roles, Senator Tracy has served with distinction on the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations from April 2007 to November 2017 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 Senator Tracy for his valuable contributions to the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations for ten years and for his honorable and dedicated service to the good people of Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore, and Rutherford Counties, the city of Shelbyville, and this great state.

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Senator Mark Norris, Chairman