

TENNESSEE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

A RESOLUTION to honor Senator Mark Norris of Collierville, 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, Senator Mark Norris, a native of Ohio, who earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Colorado College and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Denver, settled in Collierville, Tennessee;

WHEREAS, Senator Norris with his wife Chris, raised two wonderful sons, Field and Cotter, and is the proud grandfather of two grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Senator Norris has a long and distinguished record of public service in elected office, having served as a member of the Senate from the 102nd through the 110th General Assemblies and before that as a member of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners from 1994 through 2000;

WHEREAS, Senator Norris has held numerous leadership positions through which he has made immeasurable contributions to his community, his district, and this great state, including Senate Majority Leader from the 105th through the 110th General Assemblies, chair of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners, co-chair of the Joint Ad-Hoc Tennessee Blue Ribbon Task Force on Juvenile Justice, director of the Tennessee County Commissioners Association, chairman and chairman-elect of the Council of State Governments, chair of the Southern Legislative Conference, chairman of the Southern Legislative Conference's Economic Development, Transportation and Cultural Affairs Committee, trustee for the Tennessee Historical Society, vice chair of the Shelby County Legislative Delegation, director for the University of Memphis Intermodal Freight Institute,

chairman of the Regional Medical Center at Memphis (MED) Foundation, director for the Boys and Girls Club of Memphis, chairman of the St. George's Day School, and president of the Buckman Boy's Club;

WHEREAS, in the course of his career in the in the General Assembly, in addition to serving as Senate Majority Leader, Senator Norris has served with great distinction as chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, chair of the Senate Rules Committee, chair of the Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, vice chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and as a member of Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee, Senate State and Local Government Committee, Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee, Senate Government Operations Committee, Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee, Senate Ethics Committee, Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee, Joint Committee on Business Tax, Joint Committee on Worker's Compensation, and Select Oversight Committee on Corrections;

WHEREAS, Senator Norris has also served his community and his state through service on many committees and boards, including the Tennessee State Workforce Development Board, Tennessee Technology Development Corporation Board, National Conference of State Legislators, Memphis Research Consortium, University of Tennessee Health Science Center Advisory Board, Tennessee and Shelby County Farm Bureaus, Agricultural Extension Service, Southern States Energy Board, National Association of Counties Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee, Chickasaw Basin Authority, Memphis and Shelby County New Arena Public Building Authority, Tennessee Cattlemen's Association, and the Memphis Agricultural Club;

WHEREAS, for his leadership and service, Senator Norris has been duly recognized with numerous awards and honors, including the 2014 Tennessee School Counseling Association Legislator of the Year; 2014 Tennessee 911 Association Legislator of the Year; 2014 Tennessee Life Science Industry Champion Award; 2014 Silver Bayonet Award AMVETS; 2014 Northwest Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year; 2014 Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Champion of Commerce and Industry Award; 2013 and 2008 National Federation of Independent Business Tennessee Guardian of Small Business Award; 2012 and 2001 Silver Good Citizenship Medal, Isaac Shelby Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution; 2011 Tennessee Medical Association Community Service Award; 2008 Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference

Legislator of the Year Award; 2008 County Officials Association of Tennessee Outstanding State Senator Award; and 2002 Henry Toll Fellowship Award from the Council of State Governments;

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned leadership roles and public service, Senator Norris served with distinction on the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations from 2001 through 2018, serving continuously as chairman beginning in 2009, providing 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 Norris for his valuable contributions throughout 17 years of service on the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and for his honorable and dedicated service to the good people of this great state.

Mayor Larry Waters, Acting Chairman