

**A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND
DOUG GODDARD FOR HIS YEARS OF LAUDABLE SERVICE
TO THE COUNTIES AND PEOPLE OF TENNESSEE**

WHEREAS, it is fitting that county governments in Tennessee should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts and service to local governments, have distinguished themselves as public servants and citizens of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Paul Douglas Goddard, Jr., who has served his state, his country, and the ninety-five county governments of Tennessee, for more than thirty years in various capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goddard plans to take a much deserved retirement from his post as Executive Director of the Tennessee County Commissioners Association after June 30 of this year; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Mr. Goddard joined the ranks of those brave men and women who have gallantly served our Nation in the United States Army when he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant; he was a distinguished honor graduate of his Infantry Officers Basic Course; served a tour of duty as an Infantry Platoon Leader and Company Commander in combat in Vietnam, leading a company of 170 men when he was only twenty-three years of age; served as an assistant professor in the Military Science Department of Louisiana State University and as an Operation's Officer for the Fourth Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado; was honorably discharged as a Captain in 1973, having earned the Bronze Star for Valor with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal; Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; and Combat Infantryman's Badge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goddard was elected County Executive of Jefferson County, Tennessee for two terms, serving from 1978 to 1986 before assuming the position of Executive Director of the Tennessee County Commissioners Association in 1987 and serving in that capacity for twenty years, lobbying the General Assembly on behalf of the ninety-five counties of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during his twenty year tenure as the Executive Director of the Tennessee County Commissioners Association he provided unsurpassed leadership to that organization, helping it to become the strong voice for local governments that it is today, and helping to shape policies at the state government level that effect every essential governmental service provided to the people of Tennessee by county governments, including education, law enforcement, corrections, solid waste management, emergency services, land use management, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the services Mr. Goddard has given to local governments in this state also include serving as a member of the Basic Education Program Review Committee, the Tennessee Job Training Coordinating Council, the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, the Governor's Advisory Committee on Community Development Block Grant Program, and the Executive Committee of the East Tennessee Development District; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Mr. Goddard has held leadership positions for many organizations, including serving as chair of the State Municipal Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the East Tennessee Development District, as Co-Chair of the Governor's Solid Waste Roundtable, and as president of the Tennessee County Executives Association and the Areawide Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his years of faithful government service, Mr. Goddard has also demonstrated a passion for and commitment to community involvement through his faithful membership to the Dandridge First United Methodist Church where he has served as a Sunday School teacher and a certified lay speaker of the United Methodist Church, by his involvement as a member and past president of the Dandridge Lions Club, by his service as a past president of the Dandridge Parent Teacher Association and by his years of service as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader having himself achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goddard, is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife Caroline Wallis Goddard to whom he has been married for twenty-seven years, and his children, Paul Douglas Goddard, III, Mary Catherine Goddard and Benjamin Wallis Goddard; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service, Mr. Goddard demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity throughout his estimable career, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of both his colleagues and the citizens of this great State;

NOW, THEREFORE, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the county legislative body of Weakley County meeting in regular session on this 23rd day of July, 2007, in Dresden, Tennessee, that we honor and commend Paul Douglas Goddard, Jr., for his honorable and meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee and especially to the ninety-five county governments of Tennessee and we extend to him our best wishes for every future success upon his retirement.

Pursuant To The Rules Of The Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board Of County Commissioners:

SPONSORED BY:

Earl Wright

SPONSORED BY:

Julia R. Rich

ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

Robert Salmon
Chairman, Personnel Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Salmon that the foregoing resolution be adopted:

Motion seconded by Commissioner Westbrook.

Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion carried by a vote of 17 Yeas, 0 Nays,
0 Passed and 1 Absent.

ATTESTED:

Pat Scarbrough
Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

APPROVED:

Richard Phebus
Richard Phebus, Chairman

This the 23rd Day of July 2007.

APPROVED:

Houston W. Patrick
Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

VETOED:

Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

DATE:

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