

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 387

By Watson

A RESOLUTION recognizing United States Senator Bob Corker upon being named one of *Time* magazine's 2015 100 Most Influential People in the World.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those political leaders who have been honored for their contributions to this State, the nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator Bob Corker of Tennessee, sitting chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has been recognized by *Time* magazine as one of 2015's 100 Most Influential People in the World; and

WHEREAS, this recognition is a fitting one for Senator Corker, who has dedicated his professional life to serving the good people of Tennessee and these United States, as it recognizes the activism, achievement, and innovation of this outstanding citizen and politician; and

WHEREAS, first elected to the United States Senate in 2006, Senator Corker brought to Washington his distinctive determination for uncovering the truth and his devotion to serving the highest tenets of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Senator Corker has lent his valuable expertise and leadership to a number of national concerns, including those of debt, financial regulation, immigration, and foreign relations and policy; and

WHEREAS, prior to his election as a United States Senator, Senator Corker, who was born in Orangeburg, South Carolina, on August 24, 1952, graduated from the University of Tennessee, founded a successful construction company at the age of twenty-five, and gained

appointment by Governor Don Sundquist as the Commissioner of Finance and Administration for the State of Tennessee, a position he held from 1995 until 1996; and

WHEREAS, after acquiring two of the largest real estate companies in Chattanooga, Senator Corker was elected by the people of that fair city to serve as their mayor. He was Chattanooga's seventy-first mayor and served one term, from 2001 until 2005; and

WHEREAS, Senator Corker's pragmatism and grasp of economics have served him well during his tenure as a Senator, and his devotion to helping others has benefited thousands of people throughout this State and around the world, and it is wholly fitting that we formally congratulate him for this most recent accolade; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend United States Senator Bob Corker for his many years of sterling service to the citizens of Tennessee and the United States, congratulate him on his recognition as one of *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World for 2015, and extend our best wishes to him for continued success in all 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.