

RESOLUTION NO. R2008-83

A RESOLUTION HONORING WILLIAM M. (MUECKE) BARKER FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AS A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS JUDGE AND AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT.

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WHEREAS, William M. (Muecke) Barker has been a resident of the Town of Signal Mountain for over thirty seven years; and

WHEREAS, during that time he offered countless hours to the betterment of our community through his continuing service including serving as a Little League Coach and participating as an actor in several Signal Mountain Playhouse productions; and


WHEREAS, Muecke Barker has served as a Judge for the past twenty five years which has included service as a Circuit Court Judge in Hamilton County, a Court of Criminal Appeals Judge for the State of Tennessee, and as a Justice on the Tennessee Supreme Court for the past ten years before his retirement as Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Muecke Barker has been an active member of the legal community in various capacities including: chairing the Tennessee Judicial Council, the Tennessee Code Commission, the Supreme Court Building Commissions and the State Law Library Commission; serving as President of the Chattanooga Trial Lawyers Association; and as a member of the board of Governors of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, the Board of Governors of the Chattanooga Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Foundation, the Chattanooga Bar Foundation, and the Board of Directors of the Conference of Chief Justices; and

WHEREAS, Muecke Barker has received many awards for his service as a Judge including being named 2008 Appellate Judge of the Year by the Tennessee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates; and

WHEREAS, Muecke Barker is better known in this community as the husband of Cathy Barker and as the father of three children, John, David, and Martha, and his seven grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TENNESSEE, that Chief Justice Barker and his family are hereby honored for his outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee and the State of Tennessee upon his retirement from the bench of the Tennessee Supreme Court. We wish him well in his efforts to return to the practice of law in this community and in his time to enjoy retirement when time allows with his family as a distinguished citizen of this community.

  
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