

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 366

By Bowling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Senator Mike Bell on being named State Legislator of the Year for the United States.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing our colleagues who have earned acclaim beyond the borders of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mike Bell has been honored as State Legislator of the Year for the United States by Safari Club International, a hunter advocacy organization consisting of more than 50,000 avid outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen worldwide; he will receive this prestigious award on May 12 in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Mike Bell has represented his constituents in the 9<sup>th</sup> Senate District with distinction since 2010, having previously served two terms in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bell joined the Tennessee Sportsmen's Caucus in 2010 and was elected chairman in 2014; he is most knowledgeable about this subject matter as an avid outdoorsman who enjoys all types of shooting, hunting, and fishing and has provided strong leadership to the caucus; and

WHEREAS, his hunting activities include pursuing deer, bear, turkey, squirrel, rabbit, and upland birds; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bell enjoys trout fishing in the streams and rivers of Southeast Tennessee, and he will occasionally fish from his canoe on Watts Bar and Chickamauga lakes; and

WHEREAS, the gentleman from Riceville is reputed to be a master in the art of catfish noodling; and

WHEREAS, his love of the outdoors and hunting and fishing have inspired him to serve the sportsmen and sportswomen of the State of Tennessee through legislation and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, no legislator loves the outdoors more than Mike Bell, and he is most deserving of this honor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Senator Mike Bell on being named State Legislator of the Year for the United States by Safari Club International and thank him for his exemplary service as chairman of the Tennessee Sportsmen's Caucus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.