

City of Kingsport Commendation

Whereas, Mayor Richard Venable has faithfully and honorably served the citizens of Kingsport and Sullivan County for more than 35 years in various elected and appointed positions; and

Whereas, prior to his distinguished career in public office, Mayor Venable achieved significant success in the private sector, serving as an executive with The Mason and Dixon Lines Inc., and later founding his own successful trucking company which he operated for 25 years, employing 49 people and managing 42 trucks; and

Whereas, Mayor Venable first served the people of Sullivan County as a State Representative, serving in House leadership from his first term until retiring in 1996 as House Republican Whip; and

Whereas, Mayor Venable then held the position of Sullivan County Mayor for 15 years during two separate stints, leading the county through significant progress and economic development, including the expansion of the Sullivan County Jail; and

Whereas, his leadership has left a lasting impact on Kingsport, Sullivan County and the State of Tennessee, by championing fiscal responsibility, strong public safety and workforce readiness through higher education.

Now, therefore, I, Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor of the City of Kingsport, and on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Kingsport, do hereby commend

Mayor Richard Venable

for his decades of leadership and exemplary public service to the citizens of Kingsport and Sullivan County.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee to be affixed this the 18th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six.

Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor