



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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A resolution honoring U.S. Congressman Jim Cooper for his 32 years of service.

WHEREAS, Jim Cooper was born in Nashville, raised in Shelbyville, Tennessee and is the son of former Tennessee Governor Prentice Cooper and his wife Hortense; and

WHEREAS, Cooper earned a Bachelor of Arts in history and economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and earned a Master of Arts in philosophy, politics, and economics at the University of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, Cooper went on to earn his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1980, and spent two years working for the law firm Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP in Nashville before running for Congress; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Cooper won the Democratic primary for Tennessee's 4th Congressional District, going on to defeat his opponent by earning 66% of the vote, and was reelected five more times; and

WHEREAS, after losing a U.S. Senate bid in 1994, Cooper went into private business and served as a professor at Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Cooper ran for Tennessee's 5th Congressional District seat and won the primary with 47% of the vote and then winning the general election by 64%; and

WHEREAS, Cooper was reelected nine more times to the 5th Congressional District, representing constituents in Davidson, Dickson, and Cheatham counties; and

WHEREAS, Cooper is a member of the Blue Dog Coalition, the New Democrat Coalition and is known for his moderate voting record, civility, and bipartisanship; and

WHEREAS, he is Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, and is also a member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, the Budget Committee, and the Intelligence Committee; and

WHEREAS, Cooper is a strong advocate of voting rights, and in recent years has worked tirelessly to increase voter registration in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognizes U.S. Congressman Jim Cooper and thanks him for his many years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Nashville and Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as honoring U.S. Congressman Jim Cooper for his 32 years of service.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.