

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 71

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Meri Armour on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Meri Armour is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction as president and chief executive officer of Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis since 2007; she will soon take her much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Armour received her Master of Science in Nursing degree from the Case Western Reserve University Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing and her Master of Business Administration degree from the Case Western Reserve University Weatherhead School of Management; and

WHEREAS, during Meri Armour's tenure, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital has consistently been named one of the country's "Best Children's Hospitals" by *U.S. News & World Report* and was awarded Magnet status by the American Nurses' Credentialing Center; she has led a \$100 million capital campaign, established a \$100 million hospital endowment, and overseen the opening of a \$340 million state-of-the-art hospital addition; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Armour is an active and important part of her community and her profession, serving on the board of directors of the Children's Hospital Association, Child Health Corporation of America, Urban Child Institute, Memphis Research Consortium, United Way of Memphis, and Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Meri Armour exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Meri Armour has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and a grateful public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Meri Armour our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her 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.