

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 164

By Ragan

A RESOLUTION to recognize Melanie Kent 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 years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Kent is one such estimable person, who, having rendered forty-one years of sterling service with the United States Department of Energy in Oak Ridge, will take her much-deserved retirement on March 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kent began her career with the United States Department of Energy in 1979, followed by a break in service to attend Tennessee Technological University, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management; and

WHEREAS, she currently serves as a workforce management and operations officer for the Department of Energy at the Oak Ridge office; Ms. Kent has maintained this role since its establishment in 2019, when the office merged with a partner organization in Lemont, Illinois, and created the Office of Science Consolidated Service Center; and

WHEREAS, prior to her current role, Ms. Kent was the deputy assistant manager of administration at the Oak Ridge office, in which position she was responsible for the Oak Ridge Federal Building Complex and portions of the 33,000-acre Oak Ridge Reservation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kent was also a human resources officer and subsequently served as the director of the Human Resources Division at the Oak Ridge office for several years; she supervised and trained staff, created local jobs, and personally designed and implemented innovative management tools; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Melanie Kent has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Melanie Kent 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.