

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 200

By Sparks

A RESOLUTION to honor Melisa Brown upon her service as Vice Mayor of the City of La Vergne.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those dedicated public servants who have worked with purpose and commitment to improve the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Melisa Brown, who served as Vice Mayor of the City of La Vergne from 2019 until her recent resignation, is most assuredly one such gifted individual who is worthy of our approbation; and

WHEREAS, first elected to the La Vergne Board of Mayor and Aldermen in 2014, Ms. Brown was reelected in 2018; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime resident of La Vergne, she is deeply involved and interested in the community and considers all its residents to be her neighbors; and

WHEREAS, since deciding to seek elected office, Vice Mayor Brown has been prominent as a voice for the people of La Vergne, and she has focused on maintaining La Vergne's reputation as one of the best and most affordable places to live in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Vice Mayor Brown served as the chairperson for the Greenway Advisory Committee and the Economic Development Committee; in the latter role, she was instrumental in hiring full-time staff members who are dedicated to economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, she also proudly served as the emcee for the Miss La Vergne pageants for 2016, 2017, and 2018; and

WHEREAS, a champion for higher education, Vice Mayor Brown encourages and inspires adults to finish their degrees through the TNReconnect program and volunteers as a mentor with the TNAchieves program; and

WHEREAS, she especially enjoys meeting with working adults and single parents and encouraging them to return to college; she truly recognizes the challenges they face, because she is both a working adult and a single mother; and

WHEREAS, Vice Mayor Brown first moved to La Vergne in 1983 as a second-grade student and began attending La Vergne Primary School; she graduated in the top ten percent of her class at La Vergne High School in 1993; and

WHEREAS, following her own advice, she earned an associate degree in information technology from Motlow State Community College, where she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Melisa Brown graduated *summa cum laude* from Middle Tennessee State University in May 2018 with a bachelor's degree in information technologies; and

WHEREAS, Vice Mayor Brown works full-time as a business analyst and is currently consulting with Caterpillar Financial, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Melisa Brown is changing her residence to further her career, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Melisa Brown upon her meritorious service as Vice Mayor of the City of La Vergne and express our gratitude for a job well done.

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.