

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 362

By Montgomery

A RESOLUTION to commend Kaurri C. "K.C." Williams for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Kaurri C. "K.C." Williams is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as the System Director of the Sevier County Public Library System, K.C. Williams has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams has resigned from her post at the library, effective May 15, 2011, to accept a position as the Director of the Cayman Islands Library Service; and

WHEREAS, K.C. Williams earned a Bachelor of Science degree in library science from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1984 and a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1998; and

WHEREAS, she attended the Cisco Local Academy Instructor Training Program at Jones County Junior College in 2000; she became a Master Trainer through the Intel Corporation's Intel Teach to the Future in 2002; and she holds an AA Teaching Certificate as a Media Specialist from the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, from 1984-86, Ms. Williams served with acumen and alacrity as a Corporate Librarian for Crosson Dannis, Inc., in Dallas, Texas, before serving as a Reference Librarian at Phillips Jr. College in Gulfport, Mississippi, from 1987-88; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, she began serving as the owner and dance instructor at Dance, Etc., in Gulfport, until 1993, at which time she took a position as the School Media Specialist for St. Martin Upper Elementary in Biloxi, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, from 1996-98, K.C. Williams served as the School Media Specialist/Technology Librarian for Ocean Springs High School in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, before becoming the Library Director at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Jackson County, Gautler, Mississippi, the position in which she served until 2000; and

WHEREAS, from 2000-03, she served as the Technology Program Coordinator/Trainer for the Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus in Long Beach, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, Ms. Williams has served estimably as the System Director of the Sevier County Public Library System, the position from which she is resigning; and

WHEREAS, during her laudable career with Sevier County, K.C. Williams has made innumerable contributions to the betterment of the library, including the oversight of the construction of the Seymour Branch and King Family libraries, updating systems and technology to prepare the library for the future, and working to guarantee that everyone in the community has access to the libraries; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, she has graciously donated her time and energies to numerous organizations, including serving as a member of the Tennessee Library Association, the American Library Association, the Sevierville Lions Club, the Sevier County Adult Literacy Program Board, and the Sevierville Noonday Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Williams is a grant partner and student mentor for the Information Technology Rural Librarian Master's Scholarship Program at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and she is a 1984 recipient of the Ann Roberts Award, which recognizes an Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Library Science at the University of Southern Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, K.C. Williams is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Kaurri C. "K.C." Williams for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as the System Director of the Sevier County Public Library System, salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success as she assumes her new position as the Director of the Cayman Islands Library Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.