

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 368

By Garrett

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Holly Murphy for her dedicated service to the City of Millersville.

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

WHEREAS, Holly Murphy is one such estimable individual, who has served the City of Millersville with distinction for more than twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, she began her tenure with the City of Millersville on September 9, 1996, when she came aboard as the recorder for the city; two years later, she completed the program at Middle Tennessee State University's Tennessee Certified Municipal Clerk Institute; and

WHEREAS, ever committed to excellence, Ms. Murphy met all the statutory requirements set forth in the Tennessee Code Annotated to become a certified municipal finance officer on December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, throughout her time with the City of Millersville, Holly Murphy has been trusted to serve as interim city manager on multiple occasions, including for an eighteen-month stint that concluded on September 28, 2020; she successfully fulfilled the duties of city manager all while maintaining the obligations of her permanent roles; and

WHEREAS, during that eighteen-month period, Ms. Murphy deftly navigated the coordination of a new city hall construction project, hiring a new city manager, conducting financial audits, and generally keeping the city running, completing various projects in compliance, on time, and under budget; and

WHEREAS, she currently serves as chief financial officer, recorder, and assistant city manager of the City of Millersville, in which capacity she has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and a grateful public for the superior quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy has been duly recognized for her service to the City of Millersville over the years. In 2007, she was named Employee of the Year; in 2014, she was presented a certificate of appreciation by the mayor of Millersville; and in 2016, she was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Association of Municipal Clerks and Recorders; and

WHEREAS, Holly Murphy grew up in Cross Plains and the Orlinda Community; she is the daughter of the late Ronnie Blackwell, a successful musician who appears on the original recording of "Rocky Top," and Charline Blackwell of Portland; and

WHEREAS, after earning her diploma from East Robertson High School in 1982, Ms. Murphy graduated from the C.R. Institute of Tennessee with an emphasis in Court Reporting and Business and completed an internship with Sumner County Criminal Court; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, she began her career with Trans World Artists, Inc., where her responsibilities included secretarial, receptionist, and general office duties; she dealt with promoters and various music artists, packaged promotional material, and coordinated tours; and

WHEREAS, during the 1980s and 1990s, Holly Murphy worked for various companies, including Beneficial Financial Corporation, Stage Coach VIP, Inc., and Hemphill Brothers Coach Company, before finding her home at the City of Millersville in 1996; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many successes, Ms. Murphy has been grateful for the love and companionship of her mother; her sister, Audrey Norris; son, Josh Murphy; her daughter-in-law, Maria Murphy; and her grandson, Mason Murphy; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. Murphy has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of her colleagues; 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 commend Holly Murphy for her outstanding service to the City of Millersville these last twenty-four years, extending our best wishes for much continued success.

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.