

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 395

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Linda N. Ogle for her contributions to her community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Linda N. Ogle, an outstanding community and business leader with a passion for helping people and making a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, the Kile-Ogle Building at the Sevier County Campus of Walters State Community College was recently named in honor of Linda Ogle and Emily Kile for their contributions to the college and the community; the building will house classrooms and laboratories for the college's public safety and health programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogle serves on the Covenant Health Board of Directors and the Pigeon Forge Educational Board, Business Development Board, and Tourism Advisory Board; she is a member of the Sevierville Noon Day Rotary and Leadership Knoxville, and she is a past member of East Tennessee Regional Leadership and past president of the Walters State Community College Foundation Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the past president of Leadership Sevier, Linda Ogle is secretary of Friends of the Smokies and the Pigeon Forge Library Board; she currently serves as president of the Partners in Progress Board; and

WHEREAS, she has worked with the Dr. Robert F. Thomas Foundation in numerous capacities, serving as board chair, Women's Center capital campaign chair for Fort Sanders

Sevier Medical Center, Paint the Mountain Pink co-chair, and LeConte Medical Center Capital Campaign co-chair; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the youth in her community, Linda Ogle has served the Boys and Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains as past president, committee chair, and campaign chair for the Pigeon Forge club; and

WHEREAS, she has been recognized by the Boys and Girls Club as the 1998 Tennessee Area Council Rookie of the Year and 2015 Board Member of the Year and is the recipient of the 2003 Medallion Award and the 2015 Women and Youth Award; she was inducted into its Tennessee Hall of Fame in 2016; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Pigeon Forge High School Hall of Fame, Ms. Ogle is also the recipient of the Leadership Sevier Volunteer Award and the Pigeon Forge Rotary James P. Barnes Award; the Sevierville Noonday Rotary has recognized her as Volunteer of the Year and presented her with the 2016 Dr. Broady Humanitarian Award; and

WHEREAS, she evinces her devout religious faith as a member of First United Methodist Church of Pigeon Forge; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Linda Ogle is grateful for the love and support she shares with her son, Justin Ogle, and her precious Annie; and

WHEREAS, Linda Ogle epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Linda Ogle for her many contributions to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; 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 honor and commend Linda N. Ogle for her contributions to her community and extend to her our best wishes for 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.