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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 521

By Holt

## A RESOLUTION to honor Carma Dennis McGee upon being appointed to the Tennessee Court of Appeals.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to honor an outstanding jurist who, after serving as a chancellor for five years, is now transferring her considerable abilities to the second-highest court in the State, the Tennessee Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Carma Dennis McGee has served with distinction as Chancellor of the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District since March 2014; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee recently appointed Chancellor McGee to the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Western Section; her experience on the bench and her knowledge of the law qualifies her as an excellent judge; and

WHEREAS, immediately prior to her tenure as chancellor, she worked for the Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts for several years, serving as a continuing legal education speaker and an instructor for attorneys in the area of juvenile court practice; and

WHEREAS, from 2001-2014, Carma Dennis McGee practiced law as partner in the firm of McGee & Dennis; she also served as a Rule 31 listed family mediator for ten years and was Savannah City Judge from 2004-2005; and

WHEREAS, a devoted servant of the legal profession, Chancellor McGee is a member of the Hardin County Bar Association, the Tennessee Judicial Conference, the Howell Edmunds Jackson American Inn of Court, the Lawyers Association of Women Attorneys, and the Tennessee Trial Judges Association, which she serves as a member of the Executive Committee; she is a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation; and

WHEREAS, giving back to her community as a member of the Savannah Rotary Club, she is a Paul Harris Fellow and past president of the club; and

WHEREAS, Carma Dennis McGee expresses her faith as a member of Mount Hermon Baptist Church, which she currently serves as youth Bible drill coach; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor McGee received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Union University and her Juris Doctor degree from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, she is fortunate to share love and companionship with her husband, Todd McGee, who is a teacher and coach employed by the Hardin County School System, and their children, Sarah Beth and Caleb; and

WHEREAS, during the course of her exemplary careers at the bar and on the bench, Chancellor McGee has demonstrated a stalwart commitment to justice and equity under the law, and she should be honored on this special occasion; 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 congratulate Carma Dennis McGee upon being appointed to the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Western Section, and thank her for her exceptional service to this State.

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