

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 599

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Brenda Radford on the occasion of her retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Brenda Radford is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; after serving the people of Montgomery County for more than four decades, she is taking her well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Montgomery County, Mrs. Radford began her tenure in local government as a Senior Deputy Trustee in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Radford resigned her position when she was elected as District 2 County Commissioner in 1998; she volunteered on various committees, giving back to the community, and also volunteered as Interim Animal Control Director in 1999 until a new director was hired; and

WHEREAS, a 1973 graduate of Clarksville High School, Mrs. Radford earned the designation of Certified Public Administrator in 2000 and received a local government leadership certificate in 2001 from the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service; and

WHEREAS, first elected in 2006, Mrs. Radford has served as Montgomery County Trustee for the last twelve years; throughout her exemplary tenure, she has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Radford'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, a member of the Tennessee Trustee's Association, Mrs. Radford gives back to her community through her work with the Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association, the Tennessee Association of Tax Professionals, the Austin Peay State University Tower Club, the Clarksville Downtown Civitan, the Clarksville Sunset Rotary, and the Better Business Bureau of Middle Tennessee; she served on the board of directors of the County Officials Association of Tennessee from 2007 until 2009; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Brenda Radford was named the 2010 Middle Tennessee Trustee of the Year and received the 2004 Friend of the Taxpayer Award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Radford evinces her devout faith as a member of First Baptist Church, which she has served as a preschool Sunday School leader for over twenty-six years; she is also a choir member and a soloist; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Radford is appreciative of the love and support she shares with her husband, Al Radford; her son, Jonathan Emerson Radford; and her beloved family pets, Dolly Belle and Baby Belle; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Radford 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Brenda Radford for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Montgomery County Trustee and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction on the occasion of her retirement.

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