

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 612

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to honor Brandon O. Gibson upon her exemplary tenure on the Tennessee Court of Appeals.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to honor an outstanding public servant who, after serving as an appellate judge, has transferred her considerable abilities to the executive branch of Tennessee State government; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Brandon O. Gibson served with distinction on the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Western Section, after being appointed to that important position effective September 1, 2014, by Governor Bill Haslam; her knowledge of the law qualified her as an excellent judge; and

WHEREAS, Judge Gibson currently serves as a Senior Advisor to Governor Bill Lee; in this cabinet-level position, she deals with a broad portfolio with emphasis on long-term initiatives, such as criminal justice reform and the prioritization of the needs of rural communities; and

WHEREAS, immediately prior to her estimable tenure as the only woman serving on the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Brandon Gibson was a partner at Pentecost and Glenn law firm in Jackson; and

WHEREAS, a devoted servant of the legal profession, Judge Gibson is a member of the Howell Edmunds Jackson American Inn of Court and the Tennessee Bar Association Leadership Law Class of 2012; a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation, she served on the Tennessee Post-Conviction Defender Oversight Commission; and

WHEREAS, she gives back to her community as a member of the Crockett County Imagination Library Foundation Board of Directors and National Director for Tennessee High School Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her legal expertise, Brandon Gibson is a noble daughter of the soil who grew up on a soybean farm in West Tennessee; she then graduated *summa cum laude* from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness and a Master of Arts degree in Agribusiness Management; and

WHEREAS, she received her Juris Doctor degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, during the course of her exemplary careers at the bar and on the bench, Judge Gibson demonstrated a stalwart commitment to justice and equity under the law, and we are confident that she is serving the Lee Administration with equal dedication, acumen, and integrity; 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 Brandon O. Gibson on her exemplary tenure on the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Western Section, wish her all the best in her new role with Governor Lee, 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.