

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 803

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to recognize Sue Vanatta on the occasion of her retirement from the Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Sue Vanatta is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for more than twenty-two years as a member of the Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vanatta, who is currently serving as the Chamber's president and chief executive officer, will be taking a much deserved retirement on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, during her term at the helm of the Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, Sue Vanatta has cultivated growth and expansion, leading the Chamber to a membership of 1,000, which makes it the fifth-largest chamber of commerce in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Georgia Institute of Organization Management, Ms. Vanatta teaches a class on how to recruit and work with volunteers at the Tennessee Institute at Middle Tennessee State University and rendered sterling service as the president of the Tennessee Chamber Association; and

WHEREAS, she is an active and important part of her community, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including serving as a charter member, graduate, and former board member of Leadership Wilson and Leadership Middle Tennessee, as the director of Youth Leadership Wilson, as a member of the board of Prospect, Inc., and the Lebanon Kiwanis

Club, as president of the Lebanon Junior Women's Club, and as a member of the board and the Allocations Committee of the United Way of Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, Sue Vanatta has also been very active in education in Wilson County, holding the position of PTO president for several schools, serving on the Board of Trust for Volunteer State Community College, and standing as a Girl Scout leader and the cookie coordinator for Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vanatta currently dedicates her time and energies in service on the board of Historic Lebanon Tomorrow, as a member of the Joint Economic and Community Development Board of Wilson County and the Wilson County Fair, and the Agricultural Management Committee of the Wilson County Commission; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Sue Vanatta received the Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the Lebanon Noon Rotary Club in 2013; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Lebanon for more than forty years, Ms. Vanatta is a devout member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, devoted to family values of the highest order, she is perhaps proudest of the love and support she shares with her four children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. Vanatta has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize Sue Vanatta on the occasion of her retirement from the Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, applauding her years of dedication to the good people of Wilson County and extending our best wishes for her continued success and happiness in the future.

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