

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 865

By Matlock

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

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, Brenda Aikens is one such estimable person who has served the good people of Loudon and Blount Counties with distinction for twenty-six years in the Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Aikens will soon be taking a much-deserved retirement from Tennessee State Government; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Brenda Aikens is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, realizing that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, Brenda Aikens is a woman of devout faith; a lifelong member of Highland Park Baptist Church, she serves in various positions, including as Sunday School teacher for twenty-five years, Church Council member, and director of the Drama Ministry, in which capacity she plans and organizes the annual Easter and Christmas Dramas; and

WHEREAS, her personal and professional accomplishments aside, Brenda Aikens is grateful for the love and support she has received from her husband, Tony, and her daughters, Rebecca and Jennifer; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Aikens exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Brenda Aikens has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and her community as a whole; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Brenda Aikens our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every 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.