

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 874

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Sheila Butt for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body honor those fellow legislators who performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office were dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their district and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Sheila Butt of Columbia is one such distinguished public servant who served both her constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Sheila Butt distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 64<sup>th</sup> House District, whom she served as a member of the 107<sup>th</sup>, 108<sup>th</sup>, 109<sup>th</sup>, and 110<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Representative Butt is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Maury County; and

WHEREAS, Sheila Butt received her Bachelor of Science degree *cum laude* from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, throughout her service in the House of Representatives, Sheila Butt was prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted her conscience; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during her time in the General Assembly, Representative Butt rendered sterling service as a member of the House Health Committee, the House Education Instruction and Programs Committee, the House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee, the House Criminal Justice Committee, the House State Government Subcommittee, the House Agriculture and Natural

Resources Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, and the House Conservation and Environment Committee; she also served as vice-chair of the House State Government Committee and as the Majority Floor Leader; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife and mother, Sheila Butt is a motivational speaker and a civic leader, and she has proven that citizens can make a difference by being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Farm Bureau, she gives back to her community through her work with the National Rifle Association, Tennessee Right to Life, the Tennessee Firearms Association, the Maury Alliance, the Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce, Maury County Right to Life, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Maury County Breakfast Rotary; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Representative Butt is the recipient of the Kay Battles Service Award and the Golden Pen Award; in 2013, she received the Elected Women of Excellence Award from the National Foundation for Women Legislators and was named Legislator of the Year by the South Central Tennessee Development District; and

WHEREAS, throughout her outstanding career as a public servant, Sheila Butt worked tirelessly on behalf of her constituents, bringing to her office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Representative Sheila Butt 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 for her exemplary tenure in this body; 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 hereby honor Representative Sheila Butt for her meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend her for her countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 64<sup>th</sup> House District, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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