

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 948

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Donna Sue Reed of Dayton.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Donna Sue Reed, who has distinguished herself as a citizen of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, born on November 20, 1941, Ms. Reed is the daughter of Eloise P. and Donald F. Reed; she attended Dayton City School and is a 1959 graduate of Rhea Central High School, where she was a member of the band for four years and a majorette; and

WHEREAS, Donna Reed continued her education, first with a two-year stint at Tennessee Wesleyan College, where she was a cheerleader, and then at the University of Tennessee, from which she graduated in 1963 with a degree in home economics with an emphasis in textile and clothing; and

WHEREAS, that same year, on June 9, 1963, she married Jon Taylor and moved to Arlington, Virginia, where he was employed by the United States General Accounting Office; in March 1965, the couple relocated to Dayton when Mr. Taylor accepted a position with Robinson Manufacturing Co., and Ms. Reed began assisting her mother in the family clothing store, N.D. Reed & Son; and

WHEREAS, once settled in Dayton, the couple became active in the Jaycees and Jaycettes and the First United Methodist Church, each of them being lifelong members; while a Jaycette, Ms. Reed served all local offices as the State Director, and she currently serves her

church on the Altar Guild and is responsible for the set-up of the monthly communion service;  
and

WHEREAS, she has further served her community as a Girl Scout troop leader and a member of Moccasin Bend Council Board of Directors for more than four decades; for her support and dedication, she was awarded a Life Membership in the Girl Scout Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reed became active in the Rhea County Republican Party when Winfield Dunn ran for governor and continued her service with Lamar Alexander's "Walk Across Tennessee" gubernatorial campaign; she has served the *Rhea County Republican* as secretary and has been an active member for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Donna Reed also followed in the footsteps of her mother and mother-in-law by becoming an active member of the Four Seasons Garden Club; such has been her devotion to that organization that she has received Life Membership with the club and with the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reed has been blessed with the love and companionship of her children, Kimberly Sue, Allen Reed, and Jeffrey Thomas, as well as eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Donna Reed epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and she should be specially recognized for her many accomplishments and devoted work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Donna Sue Reed for her selfless service to her fellow citizens and extend to her our best wishes for continued success and happiness in all 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.