

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1051

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Joani Shaver on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Joani Shaver is one such estimable individual, who, having rendered sterling service as the director of the Office on Aging with the Blount County Community Action Agency, will take her much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Ms. Shaver has served as a trainer for numerous agencies that interact with seniors and was a pillar for developing programs to collaborate and solve senior care issues; and

WHEREAS, under her tenure as a community advocate, nonprofit leader, and philanthropic impactor, Ms. Shaver developed several programs that received award-winning recognition across the State and nation; one such program is the Senior Miles, or SMiles, transportation program, which provides transportation to seniors who are unable to drive. The volunteer-based program provided approximately 37,000 trips to senior residents in Blount County since its inception in 2013 and has since been successfully replicated in more than twenty-one communities across Tennessee in the past four years; and

WHEREAS, an advocate for providing exceptional service, Ms. Shaver was also pivotal in creating the Savings CheckUp program that launched with grant funding from the National Council on Aging in 2019; the program is designed to facilitate enrollment of low-income Medicare beneficiaries into five federal programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shaver graduated from Michigan State University and has several industry certificates in aging topics; and

WHEREAS, her professional accomplishments aside, she is most grateful for the love and support of her husband, Ben, with whom she shares two sons and two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Joani Shaver has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and community alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Joani Shaver 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.