

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1159

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Lisa Silver on the occasion of her retirement and for her myriad contributions to music.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should honor those exemplary individuals who have devoted themselves to their art and contributed significantly to their faith community, making a lasting positive impact on the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, it is also fitting that we should honor those who have contributed significantly to Tennessee's diverse and dynamic culture, winning national and international acclaim for their endeavors in the field of music; and

WHEREAS, one such venerable individual is Lisa Silver, who, as the Music Director and Cantorial Soloist at Congregation Micah in Nashville/Brentwood since 2002, has created and performed many original settings of Jewish liturgical music for all age groups and co-officiated at Congregation Micah's life cycle ceremonies, Shabbat services, Holy Days, festivals, and special events; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Silver became a member of Congregation Micah in 1995 and as a volunteer co-founded the Micah Kids Choir; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Silver is a Grammy-nominated songwriter; her Nashville career encompasses her work as a studio musician, vocalist, and voice-over artist, as well as performances on thousands of recordings, radio and television commercials, live stage shows, and television shows; and

WHEREAS, a multi-faceted talent, Lisa Silver has been an in-demand Nashville studio vocalist and musician since the early 1970s, a time when very few female instrumentalists were working in Nashville recording studios; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Silver combined her classical training as a violinist at the University of Michigan School of Music and her eclectic musical influences to become an award-winning musician, playing violin and fiddle on television and on recordings for Chet Atkins, Ray Stevens, and Elvis Presley; and

WHEREAS, as part of the renowned studio vocal group The Cherry Sisters, and in combination with other background singers, Lisa Silver has performed on dozens of television shows and earned more than twenty gold and platinum albums for her contributions to thousands of recordings by hundreds of artists, including Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Garth Brooks, Johnny Cash, Randy Travis, and Vince Gill; and

WHEREAS, she can also be heard on many commercials for Nestle Crunch, McDonald's, United Airlines, and Kellogg's; her voice is featured on her original theme song for the cartoon *Baby Looney Tunes*, and she has done many commercials for radio and television as a voice-over artist; and

WHEREAS, noted not only for her singing and fiddle playing, Lisa Silver has also enjoyed a long career as a respected Music City songwriter; her original songs have been recorded by such artists as Reba McEntire, Marie Osmond, Alan Jackson, Trisha Yearwood, and Charlie Daniels, and her chart-topping song "Forty Hour Week," recorded by Alabama, earned a Grammy nomination; and

WHEREAS, a partial listing of Ms. Silver's many songwriting credits and the artists who performed them includes "One Promise Too Late," Reba McIntyre; "Maggie's Dream," Don Williams as well as Trisha Yearwood; "Things Are Tough All Over," Shelby Lynne; "Willow In the Wind," Kathy Mattea; "Playin' For Keeps," Tanya Tucker; "The Nature of Things," Randy Travis; "Playin' In the Same Band," Charlie Daniels; "Angel Kisses," Crystal Gayle; and "As Long as You're Lovin' Me," Nitty Gritty Dirt Band; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Lisa Silver is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Clayton Ivey, who is a Musician's Hall of Fame member and well-known Muscle Shoals-area keyboardist, and her daughter, Olivia; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Silver's service as Music Director/Cantorial Soloist at Congregation Micah and her creative spirit and commitment to this State's rich cultural heritage are wholly deserving of esteem and recognition; 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 on the occasion of her retirement, we recognize Lisa Silver and her indelible contributions to the Congregation Micah community over the past two decades, honor her legendary career in music, thank her for all she has done to extend the musical heritage of Tennessee, and wish her the very best 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.