

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1210

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A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Sherry Jones 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 should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Sherry Jones of Nashville is one such distinguished public servant who has served both her constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Representative Jones has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Davidson County, and she has served her constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at her elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Sherry Jones has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 59th House District, whom she has served as a member of the 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, and 110th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of service, Sherry Jones has been a dedicated advocate for children, working tirelessly to enact legislation to protect the children of Tennessee and ensure that needed services are adequate, accessible, and available for all children and their families; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during her time in the General Assembly, Representative Jones has rendered sterling service as chair, vice chair, and a member of the House Children and Family Affairs Committee and as a member of the House Consumer and Employees Affairs Committee, the House Health and Human Resources Committee, the House Local Government Committee, the House Civil Justice Committee, the House Health Committee, and the House Criminal Justice Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jones is a former chair of the House Consumer Affairs Subcommittee and the House Domestic Relations Subcommittee, a former member of the House Employee Affairs Subcommittee, the House Human Services and Mental Health Subcommittee, the House Health Access Subcommittee, the House Health Care Facilities Subcommittee, the House Public Health and Family Assistance Subcommittee, the House Family Justice Subcommittee, the House Mental Health Subcommittee, the House Professional Occupations Subcommittee, the House Public Health Subcommittee, the House General Subcommittee of Children and Family Affairs, and the House Civil Justice Subcommittee, and a member of the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, she also served with acumen and alacrity as chair and vice chair of the Joint Select Committee on Children and Youth, chair of the Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence State Coordinating Council, and as a member of the Committee on Housing Solutions for Mental Health and the Tennessee Rescue and Restore Human Trafficking Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Sherry Jones was chair of the Davidson County Delegation for the 100th and 101st General Assemblies and served as House Democratic Caucus Whip for the 108th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jones's public service career also includes tenures as a member of the Metro Nashville Council, representing the 30th District from 1987 to 1995, and the Metro Nashville Planning Commission from 1991 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, a member of Davidson County Democratic Women, Representative Jones is also a member of the Nashville Women's Political Caucus and a board member of the Tennessee Women's Economic Council; and

WHEREAS, an individual who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, she donates her time and energies to a number of civic, community, and charitable organizations, including C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocates), the board of the Mary Parrish Center, Shane Elementary School, and Rescue and Restore (human trafficking); and

WHEREAS, she is an advisor and member of the Exchange Club and a member of the Vanderbilt Kennedy Committee Advisory Council and the United Way 211 Board; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Jones has received the Legislator of the Year Namesake Award from the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Outstanding Legislator Award from the Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence, the Kinship Champion Award from the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, and the Hope Award from the Tennessee Youth Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jones's many honors also include the Senior Citizens Leadership Award, the Tennessee Development District Association Leadership Award, the AARP Legislative Leadership Award, the Tennessee Association of Social Workers Leadership Award, the Family and Children's Services Leadership Award, the Association of Retarded Citizens Outstanding Leadership Award, the Mid-Cumberland Council on Children and Youth Leadership Award, the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Leadership Award, the Tennessee State Employees Leadership Award, the Tennessee Conservation Voters Award, the United Way Legislator of the Year, the Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic Violence Representative of the Year, and nomination for the Athena Award; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious career, Representative Jones has been honored by countless national, state, and local groups and organizations, including Vanderbilt Law School, Metro Nashville Firefighters, the AFL-CIO, ARC, and HOPE, an organization of foster children, to name but a very few of her honors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her outstanding career as a public servant, Representative Sherry Jones has 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 Jones enjoys the loving support of her two children, Ricky and Summer, her four grandchildren, Bailey, Aidan, Isabella, and Parker, and her great-grandchild, Paxton; and

WHEREAS, Representative Sherry Jones 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 Sherry Jones 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 59th 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.