

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1344

By Jernigan

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend P. Jan Markum for her service to the Tennessee General Assembly on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should pay special tribute to those estimable legislative employees whose commitment to excellence and dedication to public service have brought untold benefits to the citizens of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is P. Jan Markum, who is taking her much-deserved retirement after a distinguished forty-year career with the State of Tennessee, including more than three decades of service as a staff member of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, hailing from beautiful Unicoi County, Jan Markum attended Unicoi Elementary School and Unicoi High School before continuing her education at Tennessee Technological University and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Jan Markum began her illustrious career in state government on February 1, 1984, when she joined the Division of State Audit in the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Markum began her career as a legislative employee with the 94th General Assembly as an assistant to Senator Ray Albright and continued as a Senate employee until July 7, 1998, when she accepted a position with the Nashville office of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2003, she returned to work in the legislature for the Senate and transitioned to the House of Representatives on December 14, 2012, when she accepted her current position as legislative assistant to Representative Darren Jernigan; and

WHEREAS, a woman of many interests, Jan Markum collects pottery, enjoys travel, supports the Big Orange, and loves the Smoky Mountains and the scenic East Tennessee hills where she was raised; and

WHEREAS, she is an expert baker and cook, having delighted the taste buds of generations of folks on Capitol Hill with her "crack cookies" and homemade breads; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, Jan Markum enjoys the love and support of her two children and their families: daughter and son-in-law, Sarah Allyse and J.T. VanMeter, and granddaughter, Elliot Bryans (EB) VanMeter, and son and daughter-in-law, Seth Aaron and Heather Markum; and

WHEREAS, known to her granddaughter as "PJan," Jan Markum will undoubtedly be kept busy during her retirement babysitting and spoiling her grandchildren, as Sarah and J.T. VanMeter are expecting their second child, and Seth and Heather Markum are expecting their first child later this year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Markum is an exemplary citizen who epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this General Assembly, Jan Markum has distinguished herself as a public servant of the highest order and should be specially recognized on this momentous occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor P. Jan Markum on the occasion of her retirement and extend to her our deepest appreciation for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and the General Assembly. We extend to her 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.