

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 47

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Susan Peach of Sumner County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to 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 Susan Peach, who was named the 2020 CEO of Distinction by the Tennessee Hospital Association (THA); and

WHEREAS, the CEO of Distinction Award is THA's highest honor, recognizing leadership and service by an individual member, in addition to achievements within and contributions to the healthcare industry; and

WHEREAS, chief executive officer of Sumner Regional Medical Center (SRMC), Ms. Peach is a veteran hospital administrator with more than thirty years of healthcare experience; she has facilitated turning the hospital into a profitable, self-sustaining organization, while improving the diversity of healthcare services provided to the Sumner County community; and

WHEREAS, Susan Peach has led several initiatives at the hospital during her eight years in leadership, including the opening of a \$5 million ambulatory Emergency Department at SRMC's Sumner Station campus; the opening of Carpenter Cancer Center, an \$18 million cancer center with radiation oncology; achieving designation as a level III trauma center; multiple accreditations for chest pain and stroke care; the addition of 3D mammography technology; and a host of other initiatives; and

WHEREAS, her star shone the brightest during the COVID-19 pandemic; under her leadership, a secondary emergency department was created specifically for COVID-19 screenings, and three secondary critical care units were created for the surge of COVID-19

patients. She also established a plan to ensure all staff would have the personal protective equipment required to remain safe while caring for patients; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Peach epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Susan Peach for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; 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 congratulate Susan Peach upon being named the 2020 CEO of Distinction by the Tennessee Hospital Association, commend 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.