

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 67

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to commend Dr. Wendy J. Long for honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Director of TennCare.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wendy J. Long has served as Director of TennCare for two and one-half years; she will soon leave this position, bringing to a close an exemplary tenure of devoted, capable service to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wendy Long was appointed to head the TennCare Bureau by Governor Bill Haslam in July 2016, and since that time, she has guided the bureau with intellect, drive, commitment, and an affinity for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Long received her undergraduate and medical degrees from The Ohio State University, and she completed a preventive medicine residency and her Master of Public Health degree at the University of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wendy Long served as an Assistant Commissioner in the Tennessee Department of Health, where she oversaw a number of programs, including maternal and child health, communicable disease control, and the operation of local and regional health departments throughout the State; she then served as Deputy Director and Chief Medical Officer of the TennCare Bureau; and

WHEREAS, as Director of TennCare, Dr. Long has managed a \$12 billion healthcare enterprise that provides healthcare services to more than 1.4 million Tennesseans; the program is recognized nationally as a model for the delivery of high-quality, cost-effective care through an integrated managed care delivery system; and

WHEREAS, a respected and trusted leader, Dr. Long is a 2015 Nashville Health Care Council Fellow and a past president of the Tennessee Public Health Association; she serves as a member of the National Committee for Quality Assurance Standards Committee and the Health Advisory Panel of the Congressional Budget Office; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wendy Long 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; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Dr. Wendy J. Long for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Director of TennCare and wish her all the 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.