

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 69

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to commend Bonnie Hommrich for honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as commissioner of the Department of Children's Services.

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, Bonnie Hommrich has served as commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services (DCS) for more than three years; she will soon be leaving this position, bringing to a close an exemplary tenure of devoted, capable service to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hommrich was appointed to head DCS by Governor Bill Haslam in August 2015, and since that time, she has guided the department with intellect, drive, commitment, and an affinity for the State of Tennessee; under her leadership, the State has seen vast improvements in the timeliness of adoptions, the number of older children being adopted, and the total number of adoptions in the State. She has also worked extensively to implement the Brian A. Settlement Agreement in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hommrich joined DCS in 2004 as Deputy Commissioner for Child Programs; prior to joining DCS, she worked for more than thirty years in Kentucky, serving as a social worker for twenty-two years and as the principal assistant to the Secretary for the Cabinet for Families and Children. She holds a Master of Science degree in Social Work from the Kent School of Social Work; and

WHEREAS, a nationally recognized expert in her field, Commissioner Bonnie Hommrich has served on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Public Child Welfare

Administrators and as a trainer for the National College of Juvenile and Family Court Judges;
and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Commissioner Hommrich received the Commissioner's Award from the Administration of Children, Youth, and Families in 2012;
and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bonnie Hommrich 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 hereby commend Bonnie Hommrich for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as commissioner of the Department of Children's Services 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.