

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 84

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A RESOLUTION to honor Melanie Hill on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to a dedicated professional who has played an instrumental role in implementing public policy for this State's healthcare system while compiling a thirty-five-year track record of assured leadership and exemplary public service; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Hill served with distinction as the executive director of the Health Services and Development Agency (HSDA) and its predecessor agency, the Health Facilities Commission (HFC), from 2001 until her recent retirement; and

WHEREAS, during most of her distinguished tenure with HSDA and HFC, Ms. Hill was the chief administrative officer and appointing authority for the State's Certificate of Need program; and

WHEREAS, under her astute leadership, HSDA implemented the public policy of Tennessee relative to the establishment and modification of healthcare institutions, facilities, and services through the Certificate of Need process; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hill was a valuable employee of the Department of Health for more than fifteen years prior to her service with HSDA and HFC; and

WHEREAS, she began her distinguished career as a nutritionist and dietetic consultant before transferring to the Division of Health Facilities' Middle Tennessee Regional Office in 1989; and

WHEREAS, there, she served as facility surveyor supervisor and assistant director until she assumed the reins of leadership in 1992 as regional administrator, in which position she

managed the thirty-four-county regional regulatory program that conducted state licensure and federal certification surveys; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hill then served as director of the Board for Licensing Health Care facilities for seventeen months before joining HFC; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hill holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in dietetics and clinical nutrition services from the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-five years, Melanie Hill worked with purpose and commitment to make healthcare facilities and services both more available and more affordable and to expand access to quality health care to all Tennesseans, and she should be recognized on this special occasion; 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 honor and congratulate Melanie Hill on the occasion of her retirement as executive director of the Health Services and Development Agency and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness 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.