

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 107

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Glenda Blazer on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Glenda Blazer is one such estimable person, who, after forty-one years of devoted service to the members of Roby Fitzgerald Adult Center, took her much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blazer began her illustrious career at Roby Fitzgerald Adult Center in 1981 as a part-time employee for Access, a program that focused on serving the needs of homebound elderly citizens; and

WHEREAS, in addition to home visits and well-being checks, Mrs. Blazer helped to connect the program's senior clientele with various agencies for services such as transportation, home repairs, and heating assistance; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Mrs. Blazer was promoted to a full-time secretarial position, in which she had the opportunity to become acquainted with each of the senior members; and

WHEREAS, following the retirement of former director Audrey Grubbs, Mrs. Blazer was appointed by Town of Greeneville officials Jim Warner and Mayor G. Thomas Love as the director of the Roby Fitzgerald Adult Center on November 15, 1994; and

WHEREAS, one of the most anticipated annual activities among members at the center is the Christmas luncheon, an event established by Mrs. Blazer in 1998; she received a grant provided by the State of Tennessee's Commission on Aging and Disability to fund the luncheon, and recently, the event boasted more than 200 individuals in attendance; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mrs. Blazer helped to provide meals to members and organized a drive-through meal pick-up with food provided by the First

Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability; in addition, the First Tennessee Human Resources Agency provided frozen and pre-packed meal trays for anyone over the age of sixty; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blazer proudly served as the center director for twenty-eight years, and during her lengthy tenure, she experienced working relationships with five different Greeneville mayors; and

WHEREAS, as she enjoys retirement, she plans to spend time with her beloved husband, Billy, and she hopes to see continued interest in and support of Roby Fitzgerald Adult Center and its cherished members; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Glenda Blazer demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and community alike; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blazer exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Glenda Blazer 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.