

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 215

By Bell

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jennifer Houston upon her installation as president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should 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 Jennifer Houston, who was installed as president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) at the organization's national convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, on February 2, 2019, an honor most befitting her commitment to and leadership in her profession; and

WHEREAS, an NCBA board member since 1996, Mrs. Houston has previously served as an executive committee member, Region II vice president, and president-elect; she has chaired a number of committees and the NCBA policy division; and

WHEREAS, a West Tennessee native, Jennifer Houston grew up on a Hereford farm and received a degree in animal science from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she and her husband own and operate East Tennessee Livestock Center in Sweetwater, a family-owned market that was founded by her father-in-law in 1962; they hold weekly cattle sales as well as video sales, graded feeder calf sales, and Holstein steer sales; and

WHEREAS, active in the beef industry for more than thirty years, Mrs. Houston was a member of the first Tennessee Beef Industry Council in 1986 and served as its chairman twice; she has represented the State as a member of the Beef Industry Council of the National Live Stock and Meat Board; and

WHEREAS, a past chair of the Tennessee Livestock Network, Jennifer Houston is a member of the University of Tennessee Regional Advisory Board and the Tennessee Livestock Marketing Association; she has served on the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association executive committee and as president of the Tennessee Cattlewomen's Association; and

WHEREAS, ever committed to giving back to her community, she evinces her devout religious faith as a trustee and Sunday School teacher at her church; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Jennifer Houston is grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband, Mark, and their children, Virginia and Ross; and

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

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Jennifer Houston for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; 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 Jennifer Houston upon her installation as president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, commend her for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.