

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 498

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor Elizabeth Alvey for her dedicated service to the legislative process.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize a longtime employee who departed these hallowed halls for greener pastures; and

WHEREAS, after nearly twenty years as an employee of the Senate, Elizabeth "Liz" Alvey is now serving as Legislative Counsel for Governor Bill Lee; and

WHEREAS, way back in 1999, when she was still a student at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), Liz Alvey first experienced the legislative process as an intern for Senator Gene Elsea; and

WHEREAS, she officially began her tenure with the legislature on September 8, 1999, as executive secretary for Senator Tom Leatherwood; and

WHEREAS, after Senator Leatherwood left the Capitol to serve in Shelby County government in 2000, Ms. Alvey began working for his replacement, namely Senator Mark Norris of Collierville, and the rest is history; and

WHEREAS, she was invaluable to Senator Norris as his administrative assistant and right-hand woman; when he was named chair of the Senate Transportation Committee in 2005, she was promoted to research analyst for the committee and turned in her usual outstanding performance in that role; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Senator Norris was selected by his Republican peers as their majority leader, and Liz Alvey became his senior policy advisor, juggling many balls in the air while attending to the administration's legislation, as well as Senator Norris's; and

WHEREAS, after Mark Norris retired to the federal bench, Ms. Alvey decided her legislative tenure was complete; recognizing her great expertise in all things legislative, the Lee administration quickly snatched her up; and

WHEREAS, for most of the 1990s, Liz Alvey worked in the private sector before continuing her education at MTSU, from which she graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, she had previously graduated *summa cum laude* from Columbia State Community College with an associate degree; and

WHEREAS, Liz Alvey later attended Nashville School of Law, from which she earned her J.D., and passed the Tennessee bar in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Liz Alvey provided loyal and obedient service to the Senate and its goals, and she is richly deserving of our approbation; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor McNally and the members of the Senate would like to wish Liz Alvey a very happy birthday; 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 commend Elizabeth "Liz" Alvey for her dedicated service to the legislative process and wish her all the best in her new job as Legislative Counsel for Governor Bill Lee.

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