

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 576

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Janice White, 2019  
Community Recipient of the John J. Duncan Sr.  
Award for Senior Advocacy.

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 individual is Janice White of Knox County, who was recently named the 2019 Community Recipient of the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy was created to honor those who steadfastly work to improve the lives of seniors in the Knoxville community, as the award's namesake did throughout his career; recipients are professionals and community members who have been nominated in recognition of their tireless efforts on behalf of seniors; and

WHEREAS, after retiring as a business professional in Knoxville, Janice White rented a space at the Heiskell United Methodist Church to begin the Heiskell Community Center, which provided a monthly luncheon to seniors in the community; she remained in Heiskell for eight years, at which time she moved to Powell to open the Powell Senior Center/Community Center; and

WHEREAS, "The Community Center," as it is now called, is leased from the county and run by an entirely volunteer staff, with Ms. White as its director; the center is open Monday through Thursday each week between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the center hosts a Senior Luncheon the second Thursday of each month, which regularly serves more than 120 individuals, and a Veterans Appreciation Breakfast the third Saturday of each month; and

WHEREAS, in addition to coordinating a Fall Open House to showcase The Community Center to area seniors who have not yet discovered it, Janice White has spearheaded many important initiatives at the center, including weekly mobile meals for seniors in need, Totes of Love for local children in need, and contacting Veterans Administration representatives to assist veterans in the community; and

WHEREAS, for the past decade, Ms. White has worked tirelessly to serve seniors in her community, and it is most fitting that she be honored; 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 recognize and honor Janice White, the 2019 Community Recipient of the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy, extending our best wishes for her continued success as she compassionately and devotedly endeavors to serve others.

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