

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 630

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Barbara Ann Woods on her election as Mayor of Lewisburg.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Barbara Ann Woods, who was elected Mayor of Lewisburg in that city's most recent election; and

WHEREAS, born on August 2, 1947, in Lewisburg, Barbara Woods attended Belfast Elementary School and Marshall County High School before commencing her studies at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU); and

WHEREAS, a natural academic, Ms. Woods graduated from MTSU in 1969 with her Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences and Education; earned her Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision in 1979; received her Master of Arts in 1985; and went on to earn an additional forty-five credits; and

WHEREAS, in her professional life, Barbara Woods worked as a Homebound Instructor for the Marshall County Schools in 1971; from 1971 until 1972, she was a special education teacher at Jones Elementary before assuming the role as a fifth grade teacher at the same school from 1972 until 1977; and

WHEREAS, from 1977 until 1978, Ms. Woods took a job as an administrative assistant for the State Department of Education; after finishing that job, she worked as a Marshall County High School teacher until 1987, lending her expertise as a teacher in the subjects of history, geography, civics, sociology, economics, and American government; and

WHEREAS, an educator whose outstanding ability led her into an administrative position, Barbara Woods stood as Principal of Marshall Elementary School from 1987 until 2001; from 2001 until 2002, she stood as Director of Special Education before retiring for one year; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, after her brief retirement, she went back to work for the school system, standing as Principal of Lewisburg Middle School until 2004, when she retired again and became active in volunteer work with Marshall County and the City of Lewisburg; and

WHEREAS, throughout her years as a principal, Ms. Woods served regularly on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools teams as an Evaluator throughout the Middle Tennessee region until 2005; and

WHEREAS, recognized for being a community leader who is deeply respected by those around her, Barbara Woods was asked to chair the 3-Star Beautification Committee, in which position she focused her volunteer work on helping the city and county improve and maintaining the landscaping on the Lewisburg square and the courthouse yard; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woods volunteered to plant new landscaping at the library and established several flower beds along the Rock Creek Park Creek Walk; through these activities, she began to get involved in city government, lending her service to various committees that work to improve the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Barbara Woods began to stand as Chair of the Lewisburg Curbside Recycling Committee, a position she still holds today; in less than two years, the committee was able to plan and implement single stream curbside pickup for recycling within the city limits, single stream recycling at each of the county convenience centers, and two, twenty-four-hour, seven-day-a-week drop-off sites for single stream recycling; and

WHEREAS, because of Ms. Woods's dedication to spearheading these efforts, the city of Lewisburg now boasts forty-five percent of households actively participating, and, together, recycling ten to fourteen pounds of reusable materials each week in curbside pickup alone; and

WHEREAS, beyond these community contributions, Barbara Woods has given of her time and many talents as a member of Retired Teachers, the Lewisburg Community

Development Board, and the Downtown Alliance Committee; she also volunteers at Lewisburg Goats and the Music and More Festival annually; and

WHEREAS, her many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Barbara Woods is the proud mother of one daughter, Brandee Holt, and one granddaughter, Sydney, who recently graduated from High School; and

WHEREAS, when she is not giving her time to others, her many and varied hobbies include gardening, for which she recently won Lewisburg's first gardening award; walking three to five miles a day; riding her bike; playing golf; reading; and solving Sudoku and crossword puzzles; and

WHEREAS, devoted to the highest ideals of public service, Barbara Woods epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woods has chosen to follow one of the highest paths of public service, elected office, and for her recent victory in Lewisburg's mayoral race, she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Barbara Ann Woods on her election as Mayor of Lewisburg and wish her all the best as she embarks on her tenure of service to the people of her community.

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