

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 809

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Master Gunnery Sergeant Jane Cross, United States Marine Corps (retired), upon her induction into the Morristown-Hamblen High School East Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who are being honored for distinguishing themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary individual is Master Gunnery Sergeant Jane Cross, United States Marine Corps (retired), who was inducted into the Morristown-Hamblen High School East Hall of Fame as an alumna on January 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Master Gunnery Sergeant Cross is a 1993 graduate of Morristown-Hamblen High School East, where she was active in the marching, concert, and jazz bands and was twice named to the All-State band; and

WHEREAS, upon her graduation, she attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and was a *summa cum laude* graduate with degrees in music and English; she also served in the 572nd Air National Guard Band for three years; and

WHEREAS, Jane Cross served as chief librarian and section commander for The President's Own Marine Band before her retirement from the United States Marine Corps at the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant in October 2019; and

WHEREAS, the president of the Major Orchestra Librarians Association, Master Gunnery Sergeant Cross is the recipient of the American Library Association's Federal and Armed Forces Achievement Award as well as the D.C. Librarians' Association Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Jane Cross takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Master Gunnery Sergeant Jane Cross, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; 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 Master Gunnery Sergeant Jane Cross, United States Marine Corps (retired), upon her induction into the Morristown-Hamblen High School East Hall of Fame, thank her for her service to our country, and extend 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.