

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 893

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Cindy Cameron Ogle on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Cameron Ogle is one such admirable person, who has served for thirty-four years as City Manager of Gatlinburg, from which position she will take her well-deserved retirement on March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career with the City of Gatlinburg, Ms. Ogle has provided solid leadership and thoughtful guidance for her fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Ogle began her illustrious tenure with the City of Gatlinburg as a grant coordinator in 1978; shortly thereafter, she moved into the position of assistant city manager, in which capacity she served for the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, as City Manager, Ms. Ogle has played an integral role in managing Gatlinburg's tremendous growth, with city revenues rising from \$19.7 million in 1988 to \$97.5 million in 2021; she also led Gatlinburg through various times of turmoil, including the Great Recession, the 2016 Wildfires, and the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, City Manager Ogle forged a public-private partnership with Ripley's Entertainment to locate its aquarium in Gatlinburg, oversaw the undergrounding of utilities throughout downtown, was involved in the development of the Gatlinburg Convention Center, and was instrumental in the formation of Rocky Top Sports World; and

WHEREAS, an active and dynamic member of her profession, Cindy Ogle was a longtime member of the Tennessee Municipal League and member of the league's Risk

Management Pool Board; she is a past vice president and member of the International City Management Association, past president and member of the Tennessee Management Association Board of Directors, and member of the inaugural class of Leadership Sevier in 1997; and

WHEREAS, she was also a member of the University of Tennessee Masters of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) Board of Advisors and served two terms on the Tennessee Arts Commission Board of Commissioners, appointed by Governor Bill Haslam in 2015 and by Governor Bill Lee in 2022; she is currently a member of the UT Baker School Graduate Advisory Board, the Carson-Newman University Board of Trustees, the Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center Board of Directors, and the Sevier County United Way Board; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Ogle is no stranger to accolades, having been named City Manager of the Year by the Tennessee City Management Association in 2002, a finalist for Young Women's Christian Association's Tribute to Women Award in 2002, and winner of the 2019 Sevier Award from the Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Ms. Ogle won the Zeno Wall Jr. Tourism Award, which is given annually for contributions to the promotion, growth, and success of tourism in Gatlinburg and is one of the most prestigious awards given at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Cindy Ogle enjoyed the love and companionship she shared with her beloved husband, Larry "Bud" Ogle, before his passing in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogle has compiled a singular record of success as City Manager of Gatlinburg; her remarkable accomplishments as a public servant and civic leader are directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Ogle is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Cindy Cameron Ogle for her honorable and astute service as City Manager of Gatlinburg and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

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.