

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1334

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Janell Cecil on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Janell Cecil is one such estimable person who served with distinction as the Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer of the University of Tennessee Medical Center (UTMC) in Knoxville and recently took her much-deserved retirement on May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cecil began her illustrious tenure with the University of Tennessee Medical Center in 2002 as the Vice President of Women and Children's Services, where she served until her appointment in 2007 to her most recent position; and

WHEREAS, prior to her employment with UTMC, Janell Cecil served as a system service line administrator for Women and Children's Services for Baptist Memorial Healthcare Corporation in Memphis from 1995 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, her previous employment also includes tenures with Saint Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, as a specialty line manager, clinical director, assistant patient care manager, and clinical nurse; and

WHEREAS, Janell Cecil received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Webster University in 1984 and her Master of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Missouri in 1997; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of the American Nurses Association, the American Organization of Nurse Leaders, the Tennessee Organization of Nurse Executives, the East Tennessee Healthcare Executives Association, and Sigma Theta Tau; and

WHEREAS, appointed to the Tennessee State Board of Nursing in 2017, Janell Cecil is an Honors Member of the Nightingale Society, a 2012 graduate of Leadership Knoxville, and a member of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville College of Nursing Advisory Council and the Nursing Board of Visitors of Tennessee Wesleyan College/Fort Sanders; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Janell Cecil has received the Health Care Heroes Award, the Tennessee Hospital Association Nurse of Distinction Award, the Volunteer Nurse Champion Award, and the TONE – Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Janell Cecil exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Janell Cecil demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; 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 extend to Janell Cecil 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.