

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1591

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to commend Paula Davis for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

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

WHEREAS, Paula Davis is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Paula Davis has served as a member of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) since July 29, 2003, having originally been appointed by Governor Phil Bredesen and subsequently reappointed since that time; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as a member of TACIR, Mrs. Davis has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected State employee, Paula Davis is the Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development and holds the responsibility of managing the day-to-day operations of the department; she also holds the post of Assistant Commissioner of Administration and Policy Services, in which position she is charged with overseeing the administration for the legal, policy, personnel, budget and fiscal, internal audit, information systems, and research sectors of the department; and

WHEREAS, an expert in finance and administration, Mrs. Davis has enjoyed an illustrious career with the State of Tennessee, having received her start with the Board of Probation and Parole's Administrative Service Division as an account clerk soon after receiving her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after a tenure with the Department of Human Services, she accepted a position with the Department of Finance and Administration's Division of Budget, where she served as a budget administrative coordinator, supervising analysts and monitoring departmental budgets, before being named the director of higher education information systems for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's Fiscal Affairs sector; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the staff of the Department of Economic and Community Development, Mrs. Davis served with acumen and alacrity as a legislative budget analysis specialist for the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis for the General Assembly, where she advised legislators, designees, and staff on matters pertaining to agencies' budget requests and assisted in drafting and reviewing legislation; and

WHEREAS, she has rendered sterling service as a member of the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Development Advisory Board and the Southern Global Strategies Council of the Southern Growth Policies Board; and

WHEREAS, an active part of her community, she is the chair of the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Women's Council and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Paula Davis's remarkable success as a public servant is 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, her many accomplishments aside, Paula Davis is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, James G. Davis; and

WHEREAS, Paula Davis 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Paula Davis for her honorable and astute service to

the good people of Tennessee as a member of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

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.