

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1832

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Georganne Martin for her service to the General Assembly on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those estimable legislative employees whose commitment to excellence and dedication to public service have brought untold benefits to the citizens of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Georganne Martin, who is taking her much-deserved retirement after a distinguished career in State government that concludes with her service as a Budget Analyst for the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis; and

WHEREAS, an asset to the State of Tennessee for more than thirty-two years, Georganne Martin began her career on November 1, 1989, and worked with the Department of Treasury for several years before becoming Budget Director of the Office of TennCare Oversight in 2008; and

WHEREAS, she joined the General Assembly's Office of Legislative Budget Analysis in 2014, focusing primarily on the TennCare budget in her work but adding expertise in several other State departments over the years; as the office's staff member assigned to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee, she has been a judicious advisor to Chairman Rusty Crowe and his staff; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on Capitol Hill, Georganne Martin has gone above and beyond the call of duty to complete her assigned tasks in a timely manner and has gladly assisted her colleagues by sharing her vast knowledge of State government; and

WHEREAS, a true professional whose patience knows no bounds, she has helped train every new analyst employed by the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis; and

WHEREAS, Georganne Martin has provided detailed answers to complicated and nuanced questions about the budget process, and her immaculate recordkeeping has enabled her to locate histories in detail at a moment's notice; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin's experience in the executive branch and her institutional knowledge of the complex issues and funding surrounding TennCare, the Department of Health, and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse have also been a major asset to the mission of the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis; and

WHEREAS, a Certified Public Accountant, she has utilized these professional skills to take a deep dive into the financial aspects of all agency budget requests; and

WHEREAS, Georganne Martin's expertise in the Edison system has been invaluable to the work of the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis; last year, she voluntarily trained her colleagues on the Edison system, creating a syllabus and conducting several weeks of training sessions; and

WHEREAS, although she happily makes coffee for the office each morning, Ms. Martin personally prefers Mountain Dew, or the "hard stuff" as she calls it, when she is committed to working on a challenging project; and

WHEREAS, she enjoys walking and routinely makes a full lap around the Capitol on her lunch break; and

WHEREAS, an avid camper and hiker, Georganne Martin frequents many of Tennessee's State Parks with her husband, Chuck Holland; she is also a dedicated biker and enjoys motorcycle trips with her husband and their many biker friends; and

WHEREAS, completely dedicated to her family, Georganne likes to play cards with her mother and friends on the weekends, and she is ever present to cheer on her grandchildren at their sporting events; and

WHEREAS, a self-described "country girl," Ms. Martin is a passionate gardener who looks forward to harvesting October beans; and

WHEREAS, clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this General Assembly, Georganne Martin has distinguished herself as a public servant of the highest order and should be specially recognized on this momentous occasion; 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 honor Georganne Martin on the occasion of her retirement and extend to her our deepest appreciation for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and the General Assembly. We extend to her our wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, especially her upcoming trip to Portugal this summer.

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.