

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8020 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Cindy Kelley of Greene County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to pay tribute to those outstanding public servants who have devoted themselves to improving the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Cindy Kelley, who has made untold contributions to her fellow citizens in numerous ways; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Greene County, Ms. Kelley is the CERT/EMA Volunteer Coordinator for the Greeneville/Greene County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, in which position she has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and a grateful public; and

WHEREAS, prior to her assuming her current role, Cindy Kelley provided the Greeneville City Schools system with more than forty years of outstanding service as a teacher, coach, and assistant athletic director; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kelley studied physical education at East Tennessee State University, from which she received her undergraduate degree, and at Tusculum College, where she earned a master's degree; and

WHEREAS, after college, she was hired by the Greeneville City Schools system and offered a coaching position; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Kelley went on to coach volleyball for thirty years and tennis and softball for fifteen years and served as the girls' assistant basketball coach for five years; and

WHEREAS, she later took on the role of assistant athletic director, earning many honors and accolades during her career, including being named Fellowship of Christian Athletes Coach

of the Year, TSSAA Woman Coach of the Year, District Teacher of the Year three times, and Greeneville High School Teacher of the Year five times; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kelley gained first aid and CPR training to take care of injuries and emergencies during sports practices and games, eventually becoming a certified first aid and CPR instructor; a dedicated professional, she taught thousands of students, fellow teachers, local nursing home staff, and emergency management volunteers vital, lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding service to her community, Cindy Kelley was awarded the 2017 EMA Volunteer of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kelley epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Cindy Kelley for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; 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 Cindy Kelley for her selfless service to her fellow citizens and extend to her our best wishes for continued success and happiness in all 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.