

SENATE RESOLUTION 83

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A RESOLUTION to honor Chandell Ryan in celebration of Women's History Month in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the month of March was officially designated as Women's History Month in 1987; and

WHEREAS, every March, Women's History Month provides an opportunity to honor the achievements of those women who have paved the way wherein every person has an opportunity to pursue the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is proud to be the home of a number of historic, pioneering women, including the awe-inspiring Chandell Ryan, chief operating officer for the City of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a Bluff City native, Ms. Ryan became the first woman to hold the office of Memphis' chief operating officer in 2022; in this position, she is responsible for directly managing and overseeing all the city departments and related agencies; and

WHEREAS, prior to her current appointment, Chandell Ryan served as deputy chief operating officer, and in 2021, concurrent with that position, she became the first woman to serve as interim solid waste director; and

WHEREAS, as an eighteen-year veteran of city government, Ms. Ryan has held a total of eight various attorney, human resource management, and operations roles across four divisions, including her service as the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion officer; her experience outside of city government includes general civil litigation, management, and human resources; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded leader in her community, Chandell Ryan is a 2017 New Memphis Leadership Development Intensive alum and a 2020 graduate of the Leadership Memphis Executive Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ryan is deeply devoted to the Memphis community and serves on several local boards, including those of New Memphis Institute, Innovate Memphis, Memphis Medical District Collaborative, Memphis Convention Center Commission, and the Tennessee Labor-Management Foundation; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Ryan was recently named to the *Memphis Business Journal* Power100 list for 2023, placing her among the most powerful business leaders in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Chandell Ryan obtained her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in 2001; and

WHEREAS, in saluting Ms. Ryan during Women's History Month, let us remember that when women succeed, America succeeds, as does Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Chandell Ryan on her many contributions to the State of Tennessee as we celebrate Women's History Month and the generations of trailblazing women who have built our State and their vital contributions to our country's history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.