

SENATE RESOLUTION 272

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to recognize Connie Lewis on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to specially recognize those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, Connie Lewis is one such estimable individual, who, having rendered nearly three decades of service as a Hardin County librarian, will take her much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lewis began her library career in 1994 as a part-time circulation clerk before being hired as a full-time cataloging and technical services librarian, in which position she cataloged materials, identified computer issues, and assisted with children's programming; and

WHEREAS, Connie Lewis was promoted in 2003 and became the reference and genealogy librarian, in which position she garnered an appreciation for genealogical knowledge and the preservation of local history; and

WHEREAS, she has been a witness to the growth and advancement of technology in more ways than one; when her career started, the library used pre-Windows software, which was known as DOS, or disk operating system; the facility's computers have since advanced to Windows operating systems and then systems with touch screen capabilities; and

WHEREAS, these advancements allowed Ms. Lewis to help a local woman find her long-lost father, locating his contact information with only a few names; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of her profession, Ms. Lewis graduated from the Public Library Management Institute and was thereafter promoted to assistant director; she

also attended the Tennessee State Archives Institute and earned her certified archives manager diploma; and

WHEREAS, one of the most memorable events in her career was the arduous move that followed the construction of the new Hardin County Library; even with the help of a moving company, volunteers, staff, and workers were required to remove each book from the shelves and wrap it in cellophane; and

WHEREAS, Connie Lewis started working at the White Elementary School library in eighth grade; her love for reading grew, and she went on to work for the county's high school and the Parris South Elementary School libraries prior to her twenty-nine-year career as a Hardin County librarian; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lewis exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Connie Lewis has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and her community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Connie Lewis 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.