

1 **HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JANICE GADD**

 2024 GENERAL SESSION

 STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carol S. Moss

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This resolution recognizes Janice Gadd's 38 years of service in the House of
6 Representatives as journal clerk.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This resolution:

- 9 ▸ expresses gratitude to Janice Gadd for her dedication in serving as the House of
- 10 Representatives' journal clerk for 38 years;
- 11 ▸ acknowledges Janice's wealth of institutional knowledge and her comprehension of the
- 12 legislative process; and
- 13 ▸ highlights Janice's positive influence on others during her tenure as journal clerk.

14 **Other Special Clauses:**

15 None

17 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:*

18 WHEREAS, Janice Gadd dedicated 38 years of her career serving as journal clerk for the Utah
19 House of Representatives, as well as supervisor of the Office of Legislative Printing;

20 WHEREAS, Janice was instrumental in producing the Laws of Utah, which includes all
21 legislation passed during a legislative session;

22 WHEREAS, every two years, Janice was instrumental in processing and printing the
23 updated pamphlet version of the Utah Constitution, and meticulously labored over the updated
24 text to ensure accuracy;

25 WHEREAS, Janice's diligence was inspirational, her positivity and interpersonal skills
26 were exceptional, and her dedication and patience were exemplary;

27 WHEREAS, Janice was among those with the most institutional knowledge in, and of,
28 Utah's legislative branch;

29 WHEREAS, Janice consistently demonstrated professionalism in adapting to diverging

30 leadership styles while serving under different Speakers;

31 WHEREAS, according to former House of Representatives Chief Clerk Sandy Tenny,
32 working with Janice in the House was a joy;

33 WHEREAS, whenever there was a need, Janice assisted the Chief Clerk with her duties in
34 the circle, especially on the last night of session when things get chaotic;

35 WHEREAS, Janice was exceptionally accurate, professional, timely, trustworthy, and
36 detail-oriented;

37 WHEREAS, Janice was a wonderful mentor, teacher, example, friend, and confidant;

38 WHEREAS, Janice's commitment as House Journal Clerk and Bill Room manager led to
39 many late nights, early mornings, and long days, while facing the challenges and exhaustion
40 that come with legislative sessions;

41 WHEREAS, under Janice's guidance and direction, the Legislative Printing Office and Bill
42 Room faithfully served legislators, staff, and the public, creating a reputation for quick,
43 efficient, and friendly service;

44 WHEREAS, Janice brought calm into a sometimes chaotic environment and made the
45 House feel like home;

46 WHEREAS, many describe Janice as kind, genuine, intelligent and loyal, a person who
47 genuinely cared about the legislative process;

48 WHEREAS, working with Janice was a delight; she smiled a lot, loved to laugh, and even
49 made journal corrections and session laws a fun experience;

50 WHEREAS, Janice was always a warm presence; no matter what was going on or where
51 she was, people could go to her for respite;

52 WHEREAS, under Janice's supervision, the printing office was a safe place, a refuge on
53 difficult days, where expressions of frustration, tears, or laughter, were met with warmth and
54 compassion;

55 WHEREAS, Janice was always a good friend with a listening ear;

56 WHEREAS, even in the face of extreme trials, Janice was resilient, dedicated, loyal, and
57 meticulous;

58 WHEREAS, Janice enthusiastically shared her love and passion with everyone, a quality
59 that endeared her to many;

60 WHEREAS, many will miss listening to Janice talk lovingly about her dogs, many of
61 which were rescue dogs that she adopted;

62 WHEREAS, due to her kindness and consideration, Janice's colleagues enjoyed working
63 with her, and engaging in activities with her outside of work, like aerobic classes;

64 WHEREAS, Janice, a warm and friendly individual, treated all who knew her respectfully
65 and kindly, and had an admirable work ethic;

66 WHEREAS, Janice's rare and genuine cheerfulness in difficult circumstances helped steady
67 the tone and tenor of floor proceedings;

68 WHEREAS, Janice's presence on Capitol Hill will be greatly missed;

69 WHEREAS, Janice's wealth of experience, and generosity in sharing her knowledge, made
70 her an invaluable support to her colleagues, both in Utah and throughout our great nation;

71 WHEREAS, when Janice lost her husband during her tenure as journal clerk, she met the
72 loss with dignity, strength, and resilience, providing support for, and being a role model to her
73 daughters;

74 WHEREAS, as a member of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries
75 (ASLCS) since 1985, Janice attended meetings and conferences with many in the Utah
76 Legislature, as well as others throughout the country;

77 WHEREAS, as an active member of ASLCS, Janice served on professional development
78 panels and led various committees as Chair and Co-Chair, culminating in being elected
79 Associate Vice President in 2013;

80 WHEREAS, Janice's hard work was nationally recognized at the National Conference of
81 State Legislature's Legislative Summit in Chicago, when she was awarded the Legislative Staff
82 Achievement Award in 2016;

83 WHEREAS, Janice's many friends and colleagues from across the country praise her for
84 always being cheerful, friendly, welcoming to all, and possessing contagious kindness;

85 WHEREAS, Janice was generous with her time and talents, serving as a great mentor and
86 resource to those aspiring to follow in her footsteps and work their way through the ranks of
87 ASLCS;

88 WHEREAS, Janice embodies all the best qualities of effective legislative staff: she is
89 knowledgeable and hardworking, yet unassuming;

90 WHEREAS, Janice was always up for a challenge and used her creativity to solve problems;

91 WHEREAS, Janice had a deep love for the legislative institution, as shown by her many
92 years of dedication to the State of Utah and to ASLCS;

93 WHEREAS, Janice enriched the personal and professional lives of all those around her, and
94 her retirement leaves both a void and a tremendous opportunity for others to follow her
95 example of cheerful competence, compassion, and dedication;

96 WHEREAS, all agree that Janice is a true gem; and

97 WHEREAS, we wish Janice a very Happy Retirement full of love, health, and new

98 adventures:

99 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the state of

100 Utah expresses its sincere gratitude to Janice Gadd for her 38 years of exemplary service and

101 dedication to the Utah Legislature and state of Utah.