

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 174

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Donna Morgan for her distinguished service to the Tennessee General Assembly legislative internship program.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Donna Morgan is one such estimable person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a Franklin native and twenty-year employee of the Tennessee General Assembly, Mrs. Morgan has distinguished herself as a public-spirited person of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to this State; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the staff of the General Assembly, she worked for Vanderbilt Hospital from 1970 until 1976, Williamson County A & D Council from 1984 until 1989, and Video Inc. Video Production and Distribution from 1990 until 1994; and

WHEREAS, Donna Morgan began her career with the Tennessee General Assembly in February 1994 and served as a legislative assistant to Representative Dennis Ferguson, Representative Carol Chumney, Representative Ronnie Cole, and Representative Tommy Head in his capacity as Chairman of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Mrs. Morgan was appointed the administrator of the legislative internship program, in which position she mentored and mothered more than 1,260 legislative interns in her fourteen years of leading the program; and

WHEREAS, she oversaw the preparation and administration of the interns' legislative experience, cultivating their knowledge of state government by carrying out a program that

included intern assignments to legislative offices and committees, educational tours and lectures, and charitable projects; and

WHEREAS, shouldering the heavy burden of overseeing some eighty-five to ninety legislative interns every year from public and private colleges and universities, she was called upon time and again to support her charges in numerous ways, which often included settling daily drama and finding lost cell phones; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morgan retired from her position as administrator of the legislative internship program in 2014, leaving behind an indelible legacy among scores of interns who fondly reflect upon her support as she went above and beyond her calling to provide them with a successful and enjoyable internship experience; and

WHEREAS, Donna Morgan is fortunate to share the love and support of her husband, John Morgan; her two sons, Brian and Kevin Hulsey; her daughter-in-law, Christina Hulsey; her two granddaughters, Ava Rose and Emiliana Hulsey; and her beloved niece, Mia Laub; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morgan's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Donna Morgan is a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and has worked with purpose and conviction to establish a brighter future for the good people of Tennessee, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Donna Morgan for her honorable and exemplary service to the Tennessee General Assembly legislative internship program, and extend 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.