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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 663
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to commend Sue A. Dawson for her laudable service as the Coordinator of Keep Blount Beautiful.

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

WHEREAS, Sue A. Dawson is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, she has meritoriously served as Coordinator of Keep Blount Beautiful, the Blount County affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, and will be retiring after a decade of steadfast service; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary career in public service, Sue Dawson has distinguished herself as a conscientious and dedicated public servant and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of John and Grace Anthony, Mrs. Dawson was born and raised in Blount County; and

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WHEREAS, a sterling scholar, Sue A. Dawson graduated from Maryville High School and earned her Bachelor of Arts in English from Maryville College and Master's degree in Speech Pathology from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, she has admirably served as Coordinator of Keep Blount Beautiful since the agency was first established in 1992; and

WHEREAS, under Sue Dawson's illustrious leadership, Keep Blount Beautiful has established and participated in numerous community programs, including the creation of a telephone hotline for reporting of litter/dumping problems and answering questions regarding solid waste practices; the establishment of a county-wide street adoption program; the promotion of household hazardous waste collection events; the construction of a pavilion at the Blount County Landfill, in conjunction with Leadership Blount; the establishment of The Bravo Awards, with cooperation from area garden clubs, to recognize area businesses for their outstanding landscaping and beautification efforts; participation in Little Rivers Awareness Day; the organization of river rescue and river stream adoption programs; the coordination of Christmas Tree and Telephone book Recycling; the arrangement of the Big Orange Trash Bash; and the management of the local implementation of Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dawson worked diligently to educate Blount County school children about the 1989 Solid Waste Management Act and founded many other valuable programs throughout her local public school system about environmental responsibility and waste disposal; and

WHEREAS, as Coordinator of Keep Blount Beautiful, Sue A. Dawson worked with the Blount County Sheriff's Department on roadside litter collection, for which she was twice awarded the TDOT Award for Best Litter Grant Program, and Illegal Dump Cleanups, which earned the Blount County affiliate the National Keep America Beautiful Award; and

WHEREAS, Sue Dawson led by example; in all her organizations' service endeavors, whether it was cleaning up roadsides or the area dump, she was active in the planning as well

as the implementation, working side by side with her volunteers to improve the landscape of Blount County and the quality of life of the good people who reside there; and

WHEREAS, a talented writer, she is a former editor of the women's news section of *The Daily Times* in Maryville; and

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

WHEREAS, Sue A. Dawson enjoys the love and companionship of her husband, Joe Dawson, and is the proud mother of her daughter, Caroline, who is a student at Maryville High School, and her son, David, who is employed by Pilot Corporation; and

WHEREAS, although she is retiring, her imprint on Blount County and its citizenry will remain; as the inaugural Coordinator of Keep Blount Beautiful, she leaves behind an indelible legacy of selfless service and astute leadership and the foundation for future achievement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dawson is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Sue A. Dawson for her meritorious service as Coordinator of Keep Blount Beautiful, commend her on ten years of admirable and astute public service, and applaud her commitment to her family and her community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express 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.