

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1288
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Sherri Bishop on the occasion of her retirement from the position of Director of Volunteer Girls State, and for her outstanding service.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Sherri Bishop has volunteered her time and talents tirelessly for thirty-five years on behalf of Volunteer Girls State, a nationwide leadership program for young women sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bishop attended Volunteer Girls State as a delegate from Huntland, Tennessee, in 1971, and served as a counselor with the Volunteer Girls State program from 1972 through 1985; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bishop continued to serve on the Volunteer Girls State staff in various capacities from 1986 through 1996; she was named the Director of Volunteer Girls State in 1996, and has served in that role for ten years; and

WHEREAS, during the tenure of her service to Volunteer Girls State, Ms. Bishop has served as a role model and mentor for more than 15,000 young women across the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sherri Bishop was instrumental in establishing the Doris Smith Scholarship Fund, a scholarship offering made available to eligible Volunteer Girls State staff and counselors since 1995; and

WHEREAS, she was asked to represent Tennessee at Girls Nation, where she served on the Girls Nation government staff and as co-director of that staff for several years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bishop further invested in the young women of Tennessee through her years of involvement in the Tennessee Junior Miss scholarship program, a title which she also held in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Sherri Bishop currently serves the community of Chattanooga as a tutor and business consultant for the First Centenary Methodist Church's inner-city after-school tutoring program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bishop worked for and retired from First American National Bank in Chattanooga, serving as Vice President in commercial lending; and

WHEREAS, even with all her endeavors, Ms. Bishop has not neglected her spiritual life, as she and her husband faithfully attend and are actively involved at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Sherri Bishop is the daughter of Lester and Docia Bishop of Huntland, Tennessee, and the wife of Joe Galbraith of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, throughout her personal and professional endeavors, specifically including the last thirty-five years of service to Volunteer Girls State, Ms. Bishop has performed her many responsibilities with extraordinary passion, intelligence, generosity, and commitment, making her an inspiration to countless young women across Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Ms. Sherri Bishop for her outstanding service to the State of Tennessee, Girls Nation, and the Volunteer Girls State staff, counselors, and delegates, and thank her for her contributions to the lives of young women across the State and nation.

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