

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 569  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Patsy Stair-Lomeli on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those public servants who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Stair-Lomeli is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for fifty-one years with the Anderson County government, thirty-two of them as County Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Stair-Lomeli will be taking a much deserved retirement in August 2006, at the completion of her eighth term; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Anderson County, Ms. Stair-Lomeli's illustrious career in public service began with a position at then County Clerk Mattie Hollingsworth's office and the register of deeds office; she then worked for J. D. Yarnell, County Judge, a position now called County Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stair-Lomeli was later employed by County Trustee George Ridenhour, and within six months she was named Chief Deputy Clerk, a position in which she served with acumen and alacrity for seventeen years before being elected County Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Stair-Lomeli commenced her tenure as County Trustee with a manual operation and converted it into a very economical, computerized system, which resulted in excellent professional service to the Anderson County taxpayers; her office has been certified with excellence from State and private auditors during her thirty-two years of service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stair-Lomeli always invested the taxpayers' money wisely, earning more than \$3 million in interest and giving the county general fund more than \$4 million in "excess fees" during the last six years; she often pointed out the needs and wants of the

county's senior citizens with regard to property taxes and other business with her office; upon her retirement, she will especially miss serving the senior citizens of Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Stair-Lomeli is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the State Trustees Association, where she served as President; the County Officials Association of Tennessee, where she served as its first female President; and the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers; she was also the first female member of the Clinton Civitan Club; and

WHEREAS, for her stellar professional and civic contributions, Ms. Stair-Lomeli has been honored as the East Tennessee Trustee of the Year, Outstanding Trustee of Tennessee, and Outstanding County Official of Tennessee; she has been further recognized as the recipient of the J. C. Scarbrough Humanitarian Award through Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce Four Star Award; and

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

WHEREAS, she is an active and devout member of Zion Baptist Church in Claxton, which she has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Patsy Stair-Lomeli is most thankful for the loving companionship she shares with her husband, Al Lomeli, and their eight children, fifteen grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Patsy Stair-Lomeli has demonstrated singular professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues in State government and the public at large; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Patsy Stair-Lomeli for her meritorious fifty-one-year-tenure with the Anderson County government, applaud her endeavors to serve the taxpayers with the utmost wisdom, compassion, and efficiency, and extend to her 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.