

HOUSE RESOLUTION 21

By Harmon

A RESOLUTION to commend Kathy Dannenhold for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee .

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

WHEREAS, Kathy Dannenhold is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and professionalism in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary 30-year tenure as an employee of the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), 17 years of which have been served as Manager in the Office of Public Transit, Kathy Dannenhold has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dannenhold was instrumental in the creation of the Tennessee Transportation Training Center (TTTC) to provide training for transit employees across the State; she also helped develop the Public Transportation Student Internship Program to encourage college students to have an interest in public transportation as a career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dannenhold has made contributions to rural transit on a national level as she served on the National Rural Transit Assistance Program Advisory Board, the Advisory Board for the Creation of the Southern Rural Transportation Center, as well as various Disability Advocacy Committees; and

WHEREAS, previous recognitions of her dedication to rural transit include the Distinguished Service Award from the National Transit Institute, the "Whatever It Takes" Award from the Tennessee Public Transit Association, and the Outstanding Management of a State Rural Transportation Training Program Award from the American Association of State Highway Officials; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dannenhold earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee and a Master's Degree in Public Service Management from Cumberland University; and

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

WHEREAS, Kathy Dannenhold is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Kathy Dannenhold for her honorable service to the good people of Tennessee as an employee of the Department of Transportation, express our gratitude for her outstanding contributions to excellence in rural transit, and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and dedication.

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