

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1076

By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Brenda Gadd for her meritorious service to the legislative branch.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to specially recognize those individuals who perform their essential duties splendidly, improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Gadd is one such extraordinary public servant, who is most assuredly deserving of special recognition for her tireless efforts in helping to make Tennessee an even better place to live; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gadd has been a highly-valued member of the staff of both the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the State Senate, and she will soon be embarking on a new endeavor in public service in the executive branch of state government; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Gadd is currently rendering astute service as a legislative liaison with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, where she has earned the respect and admiration of her peers, superiors, and legislators alike for her exceptional work; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Gadd, a 2002 graduate of Maryville College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, has been active in state politics and state government for several years and has introduced a wealth of knowledge and experience to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious tenure as the research analyst for the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee, Ms. Gadd performed a myriad of duties that included organizing and setting committee calendars, setting departmental and agency budget hearings, working with committee members to determine origin, history, and intent of legislation, working with committee legal staff to determine legal concerns of legislation,

preparing summaries of research material, and acting as a liaison for the Committee Chair, Senator Tommy Kilby, with various groups of people; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee would truly have been lost without the invaluable services of Ms. Gadd; and

WHEREAS, prior to her committee work, she served as the Executive Legislative Assistant for Senator Tommy Kilby from 2003-2006, and as Senator Kilby's 2004 campaign manager during his bid for re-election to the State Senate, as the Director of Scheduling and Assistant Director of Fundraising for Senator Kilby's special election campaign in 2003, and as the field representative for the Victory 2002 campaign to elect Bob Clement as United States Senator and Phil Bredesen as Tennessee's Governor; and

WHEREAS, always eager to lend a helping hand to those in need, Ms. Gadd was the co-founder and formerly the Director of Projects for the Appalachian Outreach Food Pantry, in which position she set up the food pantry to serve low income residents on a weekly basis, developed the by-laws, mission statement, and service programs, worked with the Knox County Second Harvest Food Bank and area churches to provide free holiday dinners for local families, organized delivery of meals to the elderly, directed fund-raising efforts, and created and managed summer reading programs for children of working families; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Ms. Gadd has served with diligence and dexterity on the board of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), the board of the Tennessee Heartland and Women Helping Achieve Majority (WHAM), which she also served as Chair of the fundraising committee from 2004-2005, of the Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women's Committee on Youth, which she served as Co-Chair, and as a member of Generation Tennessee, the Nashville Women's Political Caucus, the League of Women Voters, and the Society of Government Planners; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Gadd has performed both her legislative and executive branch duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Brenda Gadd for outstanding service with the

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, applaud her dedication and good work in service of Senator Tommy Kilby and the Tennessee Senate, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

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