

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1409

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A RESOLUTION to commend Anita Vaughn for 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, Anita Vaughn is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a top healthcare executive, leader in philanthropy, and visionary manager, Ms. Vaughn has served with distinction as the Chair of the Board of the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis since 2008 and will be honored for her significant contributions to healthcare advancements for women on June 17, 2010, as her term concludes; and

WHEREAS, a valued member of the Women's Foundation since 2004, Anita Vaughn has rendered sterling service as the presiding Board Chair since 2008, using her unparalleled leadership abilities to advance the Foundation's commitment to raise \$7.3 million for the Memphis HOPE project, which supports efforts to break the cycle of multi-generational reliance on public housing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vaughn graduated from Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1973 and later earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a champion for raising the level of women's health and making quality health care more accessible and convenient for women and their families, Anita Vaughn has spent thirty-seven years gaining experience in every aspect of the health care industry as a respected employee of Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women, the only freestanding women's hospital in Memphis and one of only a handful of such hospitals throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary career, Ms. Vaughn, a registered nurse, has amassed a plethora of clinical experience by serving as the Clinical Director for Baptist East and Baptist Medical Center, the Assistant Vice-President for Baptist East, and working in the Medical Surgical Intensive Care and Critical Care Units; and

WHEREAS, she also has vast expertise in hospital management. From 1997-1998, Anita Vaughn served as the Director of Practice Management for BMHCC, in which position she skillfully oversaw the operations for eleven Baptist Minor Medical Centers and six physician practices, and in 1998 she was selected to lead the planning and development team for the Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vaughn currently serves with acumen and alacrity as the CEO of Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women, in which position she has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, subordinates, and community alike due to her tireless work ethic, her commitment to integrity and professionalism, and her patient leadership style; and

WHEREAS, Anita Vaughn's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the traditional values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

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

WHEREAS, Anita Vaughn 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and applaud Anita Vaughn for her many years of outstanding service to her community and to the good people of Tennessee, salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to her our deepest wishes for her every continued success and happiness.

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