

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 330

By Campfield

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Ruth Adams for honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

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

WHEREAS, Ruth Adams is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of legislative service, Mrs. Adams has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a native of Springfield, Tennessee, Ruth Adams began her career in state government with the Department of Education and worked her first legislative session in 1967, when at that time, the General Assembly borrowed state employees to conduct business during session; and

WHEREAS, after becoming a full-time employee of the General Assembly, Ruth Adams served as an executive secretary with the Senate Highway Planning Committee, working for Senator Ray Baird, chair, Senator Ernest Crouch, vice chair, and Senator Jim Robertson , secretary; and

WHEREAS, one of the first secretaries to have an office in the newly built Legislative Plaza, Mrs. Adams returned to work for the legislature after taking a five-year leave of absence and has worked for a number of members over the years in both the House and Senate, as well as serving for a time as a House Journal Clerk with the office of the Chief Clerk of the House; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2011, after thirty-eight years and five months of service as an Executive Secretary for the State of Tennessee, Ruth Adams took her much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community who enjoys traveling and church activities, Ruth is enjoying her retirement by going to the YMCA daily, taking line dancing lessons, and helping plan her granddaughter's wedding; and

WHEREAS, the widow of the late W.B. Adams, who was a Director of Public Works for the State of Tennessee, Ruth Adams enjoys the love and support of her extensive family and is the proud mother of three children, Sherry Shearer, Pam Duncan and Bo Adams, and the doting grandmother of four grandchildren, Dallas Shearer, Summer Blakely, Adam Duncan, and Taryn Duncan; and

WHEREAS, exemplifying the characteristics of a true Tennessean, Ruth Adams epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated professional who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Ruth Adams for her many years of distinguished service to the Tennessee General Assembly and the citizens of Tennessee, extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and wish her 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.