

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 404

By Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mayor Megan Barry upon her election as Mayor of Nashville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mayor Megan Barry, an estimable public servant who has dedicated her personal time, efforts, and excellence to improving the quality of life of her fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Barry was elected as the seventh, and first female, mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County on September 10, 2015, having received the most votes in both the general and run-off elections; and

WHEREAS, the first Metropolitan Council member to ascend to the office of mayor, Megan Barry first won election to an at-large seat on the Metro Council in 2007 and was re-elected in 2011, receiving the most votes of the five winning candidates; and

WHEREAS, born in California while her father was stationed at the El Toro Marine Corps base, Mayor Barry was raised in Overland Park, Kansas, and graduated from Notre Dame de Sion, a Catholic girls high school in Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, she holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Vanderbilt University Owen Graduate School of Management; and

WHEREAS, deciding to make Nashville her home after completing her education at Vanderbilt, Mayor Barry has almost two decades of experience as a corporate executive, including several years developing and managing ethics programs for a global

telecommunications firm, and most recently in the role of ethics and compliance officer for Premier, Inc., a healthcare company; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected professional, she has also worked as an independent consultant with a number of firms on issues dealing with business ethics and corporate social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded woman, Mayor Barry has served as an active member and effective leader in numerous community organizations; she has served on the boards of the Center for Nonprofit Management, the YWCA, the Belcourt Theatre, and the Nashville Repertory Theatre, and as an advisory board member for the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition; and

WHEREAS, a past participant in Leadership Nashville and Leadership Music, Mayor Barry has co-chaired the Center for Nonprofit Management's Salute to Excellence event, honoring the hard work of all who serve our community, and co-chaired the Conexión Américas annual El Cafecito breakfast in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Megan Barry epitomizes the indomitable spirit and stalwart commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Megan Barry is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Bruce Barry, who is a professor of organization studies at Vanderbilt University, and their son, Max; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Barry's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader 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 and relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mayor Megan Barry for her dedication to Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mayor Megan Barry upon her election

as Mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, commend her for her meritorious service to the people of Nashville, 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.