

SENATE RESOLUTION 145

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the stalwart Senate employees of the 109th General Assembly.

WHEREAS, we wish to specially recognize our Senate staff members, all of whom work long hours, without complaint and often under trying conditions, in service of this Body; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding public servants perform their essential duties splendidly, not for personal gain or glory, but rather for the satisfaction of helping to make Tennessee an even better place to live; and

WHEREAS, much like the venerable postman of days of yore, neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of demanding Senators stays these faithful employees from the swift completion of their appointed duties, and usually many times over; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Senate would truly be lost without the invaluable services of the following Senate staff members; and

WHEREAS, the diligent employees who serve in Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey's office under the capable leadership of Chief of Staff Lance Frizzell are Deputy Chief of Staff Jordan Young, Communications Director Adam Kleinheider, Debbie Rankin, Pam George, and Bill Taliaferro; and

WHEREAS, the members of Senate Leadership staff are: Tres Wittum and Glenda Mayes (Speaker Pro Tempore Bo Watson); Liz Alvey, Alex Lewis, and Tracey Vance (Republican Leader, Senator Mark Norris); Ryan Adcock and Micki Yearwood (Republican Caucus Chair, Senator Bill Ketron); Lauren Agee, Shirley Frierson, and Isaac Kimes (Democratic Leader, Senator Lee Harris); Julia Quinn (Democratic Caucus Chair, Senator Jeff Yarbro); and Press Secretaries: Darlene Schlicher (Republican) and Matt Anderson (Democratic); and

WHEREAS, the Senate Research Analysts are: Osborne Crosby (Judiciary Committee); Logan Grant (Health and Welfare Committee); Luke Gustafson (Commerce and Labor Committee); Catherine Haire (Government Operations Committee); Michael Maren (Education Committee); Chip McConkey and Tim Sigler (Finance, Ways and Means Committee); Alex Pollack (State and Local Government Committee); Matt Russell (Transportation and Safety Committee); Callan Wilkerson (Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee); and Irene Ward; and

WHEREAS, the Senate administrative staff includes: Sarah Adair (Senator Richard Briggs); David Aguilera (Senator Sara Kyle); Christina Barber (Senator Jim Tracy and Transportation and Safety Committee); Alice Bigham (Senator Mark Green); Garrah Carter-Mason (Senator Brian Kelsey and Judiciary Committee); Lauren Cecil (Senator Doug Overbey); Dan Dalrymple (Senator Brian Kelsey and Judiciary Committee); Brandy Foust (Senator Paul Bailey); Debbie Gazzaway (Senator Becky Massey); Deana Guenther (Senator Ferrell Haile); Chase Johnson (Senator Mike Bell and Government Operations Committee); Megan Karl (Senator Janice Bowling); Tucker Karnes (Senator John Stevens); Linda Klingmann (Senator Dolores Gresham and Education Committee); Rachel Lee (Senator Jack Johnson and Commerce and Labor Committee); Debbie Martin (Senator Randy McNally and Finance, Ways and Means Committee); Lynette Morris (Senator Ed Jackson); Janet Patterson (Senator Thelma Harper); Chad Phillips (Senator Ken Yager and State and Local Government Committee); Rhett Pratt (Senator Steve Dickerson); Hannah Ramey (Senator Steve Southerland and Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee); Rita Redmond (Senator Todd Gardenhire); Patti Saliba (Senator Mae Beavers); Kelley Shirley (Senator Frank Niceley); Lauren Spires (Senator Reggie Tate); Susan Story (Senator Joey Hensley); and Jenny Ward (Senator Rusty Crowe and Health and Welfare Committee); and

WHEREAS, these superlative Senate staffers are essential to the efficient and orderly operation of this Body, and it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to express our deep

appreciation for the professional services they render so competently and so cheerfully; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend our exemplary Senate employees for the diligent and proficient manner in which they perform their respective duties, their dedication to public service as evidenced by their willingness to work long after normal office hours, and their unwavering loyalty to the members of this Body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to each of the above named persons, with this final clause omitted from such copies.