

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 97

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Kathy Sorrell on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Sorrell is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-eight years as a nurse practitioner at Cosby Rural Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sorrell began her much-deserved retirement on January 27, 2017, and she plans to enjoy more time with her husband, Gary Sorrell, and their many loving children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Sorrell entered the medical profession as a secretary in Atlanta. Always in pursuit of higher knowledge, she enrolled at the University of Tennessee during the early years of her career and earned nursing and advanced degrees; and

WHEREAS, having accepted employment with Cosby Rural Medical Services, Mrs. Sorrell began the next phase of her career, which spanned nearly three decades, on June 5, 1989, at the Bogard Center; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sorrell was an integral part of Rural Medical, and Larry Stanifer, chief executive officer of Rural Medical Services, said that Mrs. Sorrell, "...stands up for her patients and what she believes"; and

WHEREAS, it is because of that dedication to her profession and her patients that Kathy Sorrell will be sorely missed from both Cosby Rural Medical Services and the medical profession at large; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Sorrell exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Kathy Sorrell has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Kathy Sorrell our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and 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.