

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 80

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Betty D. Chester on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Betty D. Chester is one such estimable person, who served the State of Tennessee with distinction for more than forty-seven years before taking her well-deserved retirement in January 2019; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Madison High School in Nashville, Betty Chester graduated from Nashville Business School in 1970; and

WHEREAS, the following year, Ms. Chester began her illustrious tenure with the State of Tennessee as a Stenographer 1 in the Department of Mental Retardation, and over the course of her career, she was promoted to a number of administrative roles; she compassionately served others who were less fortunate and needed assistance, and she drew inspiration from her beloved niece, Jackie Duke, who has Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished professional, Betty Chester retired as an Administrative Services Assistant 2 in the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; and

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Betty D. Chester on her forty-seven years of distinguished service to the State of Tennessee and extend to her 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.