

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 330

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to commend and congratulate Linda Gail Pendergrass, 2019 Rhea County Republican of the Year.

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 individual is Linda Gail Pendergrass, who was recently named the 2019 Rhea County Republican of the Year, a most befitting honor for her tireless service to the Republican Party in Rhea County; and

WHEREAS, born in Red Bank on March 31, 1944, Linda Pendergrass is the daughter of Stansbury and Louise McGaughey; she graduated from Red Bank High School in 1962 and received her degree in home economics from the University of Tennessee four years later; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen and alacrity as a home demonstration agent in Polk and Rhea counties, and she managed the Dayton Chamber of Commerce for four years before joining First Bank, from which she retired in 2005; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Rhea County Republican Party, Mrs. Pendergrass has served as chair and vice chair; she hosted Lamar Alexander on his walk across the State during his 1978 gubernatorial campaign and was his guest at his inauguration the following January. She later served on the Tennessee Conservation Commission during his administration; and

WHEREAS, a respected and trusted leader, Linda Pendergrass is the current chairperson of the Rhea County Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, she is grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband of more than fifty years, Larry Ross Pendergrass, Sr.; she is the proud mother of Larry Ross

(Rhonda) Pendergrass, Jr., and Jason Shea (Angie) Pendergrass and the devoted grandmother of Larry Ross Pendergrass III, Rex Leland Pendergrass, Reese Taylor Pendergrass, and Rylan Leah Pendergrass; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and the Republican Party have been fortunate to have enjoyed the services of this devoted individual, and it is fitting that she be recognized for her stalwart contributions to this great State; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to honor and commend Linda Pendergrass for her many contributions to the people of Tennessee, her unwavering commitment to public service, and her astute leadership; 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 commend and congratulate Linda Gail Pendergrass upon being named the 2019 Rhea County Republican of the Year, thank her for her dedication and service to the Republican Party, and extend to her our best wishes for 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.