

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1162

By Clemmons

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Margaret Behm upon her receipt of the Liberty Bell Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we 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 Margaret Behm, who is a 2020 recipient of the prestigious Liberty Bell Award from the Nashville Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Bell Award is bestowed upon a person or group who has promoted better understanding of the rule of law, encouraged greater respect for law and the courts, stimulated a sense of civic responsibility, or contributed to good government; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Behm founded Shipley and Behm, the first all-woman law firm in Nashville, in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Behm currently serves as a partner at Dodson, Parker, Behm & Capparella; her roles include serving as general counsel for the Metropolitan Transit Authority, for which she also serves as board secretary; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community, Margaret Behm, along with fellow Liberty Bell Award recipients Jeanie Nelson and Juli Mosley, created *Votes for Women*, a permanent exhibit housed at the Nashville Public Library that showcases the legacy of the 19th Amendment and women's suffrage; and

WHEREAS, the exhibit tells the pivotal and dramatic story of Nashville's role in winning for women the right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution and provides an educational space for interactive exploration of the core themes surrounding women's roles, democracy, and the power of voting; and

WHEREAS, alongside her fellow award recipients, Margaret Behm raised more than \$3 million for *Votes for Women*, which commemorates this year as the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment; the vision and dedication of these extraordinary women will ensure the legacy of women's suffrage and Nashville's pivotal role in ratifying the 19th Amendment are remembered by generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Behm epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Margaret Behm for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; 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 Margaret Behm upon her receipt of the Liberty Bell Award, thank her for her dedicated and tireless service, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.