

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 198

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Cindy Cameron Ogle upon her receipt of the Sevier Award.

WHEREAS, it is the pleasure of the members of this General Assembly to acknowledge and applaud those steadfast stewards who are wholly devoted to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Cindy Cameron Ogle, longtime City Manager of Gatlinburg, who is the most recent recipient of the Sevier Award; she will be honored during the 17th Annual Sevier Award ceremony on March 14, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Sevier Award recognizes and honors a deserving person who demonstrates his or her care for the community and its citizens; in keeping with the spirit of giving in East Tennessee, the Sevier Award was created to encourage volunteerism, philanthropy, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Ogle joined the City of Gatlinburg in 1978 as a grants coordinator; such was her dedication and ability that she was promoted to Assistant City Manager within six months; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogle has served as City Manager of Gatlinburg since 1988, in which capacity she oversees day-to-day operations and ensures that the policies and programs approved by the Gatlinburg City Commission are implemented in an efficient and effective manner; she is also responsible for the management of more than 350 employees and a budget of nearly \$60 million; and

WHEREAS, now in her fortieth year of service, Cindy Ogle is the longest-serving City Manager in Gatlinburg's history; during her tenure, she has proven herself an effective leader and manager, with revenues increasing from \$19.7 million during her first year as City Manager to \$53.4 million in the fiscal year that ended in June 2015; and

WHEREAS, by increasingly streamlining day-to-day operations and increasing the implementation of "green" initiatives, Ms. Ogle has helped reduce the city's operating costs, further benefiting Gatlinburg's bottom line; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Cindy Ogle was named City Manager of the Year in 2002 by the Tennessee City Management Association and a Tribute to Women Finalist in 2002 by the Young Women's Christian Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogle is a respected leader in her profession and has served as vice president and a member of the Board of Directors of the International City Management Association, as well as president and a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee City Management Association. She was a member of Leadership Sevier's inaugural class of 1997 and a participant in the 1995 University of Tennessee Graduate Government Leadership Program; and

WHEREAS, devoted to serving her community in various capacities, Cindy Ogle has been a member of the Tennessee Municipal League Board, Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool Board, Overlook Mental Health Center Board of Directors, and Alternative Care Enterprises Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, she currently serves as a member of the Tennessee Arts Commission Board, University of Tennessee MPPA Board of Advisors, and United Way of Sevier County Board, having served as co-chair of the Sevier County United Way Campaign in 1998; and

WHEREAS, prior to serving the City of Gatlinburg, Ms. Ogle worked as a State Training Officer from 1975 to 1976 and as a member of Congressman John Duncan's staff from 1974 to 1975; she is an alumna of the University of Tennessee, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Services and her Master of Public Administration degree; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many successes, Cindy Ogle has enjoyed the love and support of her husband, Larry "Bud" Ogle; her daughters, Kelly and Candace; and her eight grandchildren, Brooklin, Connor, Mackinley, Bailey, Abigail, Caroline, Harper, and Emersyn; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogle has served the City of Gatlinburg well for four decades, and it is most fitting that she be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Cindy Cameron Ogle upon her receipt of the Sevier Award, commend her forty years of service to Gatlinburg and its citizens, and extend our best wishes for her continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.