

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 641

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Gina Holt upon being named City Manager 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 noteworthy person is Springfield City Manager Gina Holt, who was recently named City Manager of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holt was called to public service at an early age, and after college, she worked for the federal government in Washington, D.C., in a number of capacities, including time at the White House in President Ronald Reagan's Office of Management and Budget, the State Department, and the D.C. office of United States Senator Howard Baker; and

WHEREAS, upon her return home to Tennessee, Gina Holt continued her public service at the local level in the City of Springfield, where she has worked for twenty-eight years; she was instrumental in the development and creation of the Tennessee Energy Acquisition Corporation in 1996 and supported Playground 2000, a landmark park project that is still operational at a city park today; and

WHEREAS, the first female city manager in the city's history, Ms. Holt has overseen a tremendous downtown revitalization effort that has capitalized on the regional growth and new energy, transforming historic downtown Springfield from a deserted area to a vibrant, merchant-filled place of pride for the community; and

WHEREAS, Gina Holt played a key role in working with other local leaders to consolidate the E-911 dispatching service across Robertson County, and she has been a proponent of public entities self-funding their health insurance plan; the city has saved

employees and taxpayers millions of dollars and has not had a premium increase in two years due to her effort and fiscally sound plan management; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished professional, Ms. Holt served on the board of TML Risk Management Pool, now Public Entity Partners, for nine years to further the cause of local governments, and she is a member of the 2003 Leadership Middle Tennessee and has served on its board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Gina Holt is a member of the International City/County Management Association, a past board member of the Tennessee Municipal League, and an active member, past board member, and past president of the Tennessee City Management Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Holt gives back to her community through her work on the board of directors of the Robertson County Chamber of Commerce as well as the Springfield Kiwanis Club, of which she is an active member and past president; and

WHEREAS, a woman of devout religious faith, Gina Holt is an active member of Springfield Baptist Church; and

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

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Gina Holt for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; 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 hereby honor and commend Gina Holt upon being named City Manager of the Year and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

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