

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 722

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Kathy Jones-Terry upon her receipt of the Outstanding Court Clerk of Tennessee award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those Tennesseans who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Jones-Terry is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; she was recently presented with the Outstanding Court Clerk of Tennessee award from the County Officials Association of Tennessee (COAT) at the organization's fifty-first annual convention and trade show in Gatlinburg; and

WHEREAS, the Outstanding Court Clerk of Tennessee award recognizes an individual who has contributed greatly to COAT in the past year and who exemplifies the attributes of an outstanding county official; and

WHEREAS, appointed to serve as the Hamblen County Clerk and Master in 1995, Ms. Jones-Terry has served for three chancellors in her time in office, and she has undertaken the transition to digital permanent records for both chancery and probate courts. She maintains a website for the Hamblen County Chancery Court and is spearheading a project to put city and county delinquent tax sales online; and

WHEREAS, her remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Jones-Terry has been an active member of the education and legislative committees of the Tennessee State Court Clerk's Association (TSCCA) throughout

her tenure and has served as treasurer, secretary, vice president, and president of the East Tennessee Clerks and the State Court Clerks; she has also served as a member of the State Court Clerks Board of COAT for several terms; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as TSCCA president, Ms. Jones-Terry presided over the creation of a Probate Manual for Clerks that is used throughout the State; she was instrumental in the design of a break-out class design for the training of clerks, and she established a committee to reword the general manual for clerks; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Jones-Terry has been a Certified Public Administrator since 1999, and she taught English and journalism for thirteen years at Morristown West High School before becoming the Hamblen County Clerk and Master. She is proud to follow in the footsteps of her mother, Jean W. Jones, who served as the county's Clerk and Master for thirty years until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones-Terry is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially 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 honor and commend Kathy Jones-Terry upon her receipt of the Outstanding Court Clerk of Tennessee award, thank her for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, and extend 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.