

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1297

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Deb Cassetty on the occasion of her retirement from the Office of Legislative Information Systems of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should pay special tribute to those estimable legislative employees whose commitment to excellence and dedication to public service has brought untold benefits to the citizens of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Deb Cassetty, who recently took her much-deserved retirement after a distinguished career with the Office of Legislative Information Systems of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a career State employee, Deb Cassetty began her service with the General Assembly in 1983 with the Office of Legislative Services under the leadership of Barbara Langley, where she served with acumen and alacrity, winning the respect and admiration of her colleagues and the members and staff of the General Assembly for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, as an employee of the Office of Legislative Services, Ms. Cassetty was tasked with producing and distributing the vital information necessary to track the actions of the General Assembly before the era of online bill tracking and legislative websites; and

WHEREAS, she played a vital role in the production of the *Daily Service*, a summation of the day's previous actions in the General Assembly during session, and the *Legislative Record*, which tracked the latest action on every bill and resolution in each body on a weekly basis, as well as the distribution of printed copies of every bill, resolution, amendment, fiscal note, and legal summary; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the General Assembly, the Office of Legislative Services was absorbed by Management Information Systems (MIS), the precursor to the current Office of Legislative Information Systems (LIS); and

WHEREAS, as an employee of MIS, she continued to produce the *Daily Service*, work on the *Legislative Record*, and record actions for Public and Private Chapters as well as actions by the Governor, in addition to taking desktop customer service calls, especially those where the user needed guidance on how legislative actions were done; and

WHEREAS, as a highly valued employee of LIS, her duties continued to expand as she was called upon to assist committee secretaries with committee calendars and provide customer service to many legislative staffers who needed help with their desktop computers, printers, and the navigation of legislative applications; and

WHEREAS, respected and admired by her colleagues and the members of this body, Deb Cassetty has played a vital role in the institutional knowledge of LIS and has been frequently consulted by the developers when working on applications for the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Deb Cassetty is an extremely giving citizen who is compelled to reach out with compassion to those whom life has treated unkindly; she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this General Assembly, Deb Cassetty has distinguished herself as a public servant of the highest order and should be specially recognized on this special occasion; 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 Deb Cassetty on the occasion of her retirement and extend to her our deepest appreciation for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee. We give her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and 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 and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.