

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 57

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A RESOLUTION to honor Heather Hinds Duncan upon her exemplary service as Coffee County Circuit Court Clerk.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize an elected official who served her fellow citizens with purpose and commitment for more than twenty-six years; and

WHEREAS, Heather Hinds Duncan, formerly Coffee County Circuit Court Clerk, stepped down from this position on January 31, 2021, to pursue new horizons as a county government consultant for the University of Tennessee (UT) County Technical Advisory Service in a twelve-county region that includes Coffee County; and

WHEREAS, first elected Coffee County Circuit Court Clerk in 1994, Ms. Duncan served six and one-half terms in this vital role and distinguished herself as a public servant of singular ability and dedication; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious tenure as circuit court clerk, she resolutely served her profession and her peers as president of the Middle Tennessee State Court Clerks Association (2005-2006), Tennessee State Court Clerks Association (2007-2008), and County Officials Association of Tennessee (2020); and

WHEREAS, Ms. Duncan was twice named Outstanding State Court Clerk (2003 and 2005) in appreciation of her remarkable service as an elected court official; and

WHEREAS, in addition to having earned a Master of Business Administration degree, Heather Duncan is a graduate of the UT Local Government Leadership Program, holds a certificate from the Leadership Institute in Judicial Education, and is a UT Certified Public Administrator; and

WHEREAS, she has given back to her community as a coach for various youth sports teams, an officer in various parent-teacher organizations, and a Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, Heather Hinds Duncan is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, John Duncan, and her four children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Duncan has set an example as an elected official that both her peers and future officeholders would do well to emulate, and she should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Heather Hinds Duncan upon her exemplary twenty-six-year tenure as Coffee County Circuit Court Clerk, thank her for her ongoing commitment to local government, and wish her all the best in her new career.

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.