

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 546

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A RESOLUTION to commend Neva Jean Simmons Hale for her honorable and astute service to the people of Bledsoe County and Tennessee.

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

WHEREAS, Neva Jean Simmons Hale is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as Register of Deeds, Mrs. Hale distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to Bledsoe County; and

WHEREAS, born on September 20, 1940, Mrs. Hale is a native of Bledsoe County, and she graduated from Bledsoe County High School before continuing her education at Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hale was elected to the office of Register of Deeds in 1962. She served the people of Bledsoe County with dedication for 36 years before retiring in August, 1998; and

WHEREAS, she has continued her service the past fifteen years working as an abstractor for area attorneys; and

WHEREAS, Neva Jean Simmons Hale's 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, Mrs. Hale is active in her community in her private life, and she is an active member of the Bledsoe County Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hale is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to others, and she intends to continue volunteering at the local nursing home where her sister resides after her retirement; and

WHEREAS, some of Mrs. Hale's hobbies include being active in her church community at Pikeville Church of Christ, of which she is a devout member; and

WHEREAS, she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Hale is fortunate to have shared both love and companionship with her husband, Gerald Hale, for 42 years before his passing. The couple had two children, Gerald Lynn Hale and wife, Jane, and Greg Hale, as well as five grandchildren, Caleb, Logan, Emalee, Josh, and Sydney Hale; and

WHEREAS, Neva Jean Simmons Hale 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 for her dedication in serving her community in Bledsoe County; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Neva Jean Simmons Hale for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Bledsoe County and the State of Tennessee and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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