

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 708

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Joelle Phillips on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those worthy professionals who have served with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Joelle Phillips is one such person, who has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to this State; and

WHEREAS, after an illustrious twenty-two-year career with AT&T Tennessee, Ms. Phillips has taken her much-deserved retirement, effective December 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Joelle Phillips joined AT&T Tennessee in 2001 as a regulatory attorney; for the final ten years of her tenure with the organization, she led AT&T's Tennessee efforts as president, making her the longest-serving executive to hold that post; and

WHEREAS, among Ms. Phillips's many contributions while at the helm of AT&T Tennessee were lobbying for changes to Tennessee laws governing technology services and providers and chairing Governor Bill Haslam's Drive to 55 Alliance, an initiative to increase the percentage of Tennesseans with a post-secondary credential to at least fifty-five percent; and

WHEREAS, she also spearheaded the rehabilitation of AT&T's downtown Nashville network equipment building after the damage incurred by the Christmas Day bombing in 2020; and

WHEREAS, during her twenty-two years at AT&T Tennessee, Joelle Phillips earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and clients alike; her wisdom and guidance were a gift to all who had the good fortune of working with her; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Phillips for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Joelle Phillips upon the occasion of her retirement, applauding her dedication to excellence and extending 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.