

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 855

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Emma Ann Summers Boynton on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Emma Ann Summers Boynton of Bledsoe County, who has distinguished herself as a citizen of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Boynton has served as the Bledsoe County register of deeds since 1998, when she was first elected to that esteemed post; having proudly served in this capacity for six terms, she is now taking her much-deserved retirement, bringing to a close an illustrious twenty-four-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Bledsoe County, Emma Boynton is the daughter of the late Margie Rose Collier Summers and Charles Mitchell Summers; she, along with her six siblings, was raised in Pikeville until the family moved to the Mt. Crest community when she was in sixth grade; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Boynton is a 1964 graduate of Bledsoe County High School, where she was known for her sweet disposition and kind, generous spirit; she was chosen by her peers as Friendliest Girl, Miss Sophomore, Best All Around Girl, Football Queen, Class Reporter, and Most Likely to Succeed; she went on to attend Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, she began her career working for Robinson's Manufacturing before taking a job with State Farm Insurance; in 1972, she left State Farm Insurance, which she and her husband would then own and operate, ultimately transitioning into the elected position of register of deeds for Bledsoe County twenty-six years later; and

WHEREAS, in addition to having served her county in an official capacity, Emma Boynton has devoted untold hours to serving her fellow citizens as a member of the Pikeville-Bledsoe Chamber of Commerce, the Bledsoe Health Council, and the Republican Party, a board member of the Bledsoe County Community Food Bank, and a founding board member of the Children's Support Council, which has endeavored to meet the needs of children throughout the community for the last twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, often duly honored for her good work, Mrs. Boynton was named the 2019 Republican of the Year as well as the Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, she is married to her childhood sweetheart, John Boynton, whom she met in seventh grade; the Boyntons have been blessed with three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a woman guided by her devout faith, Emma Boynton has been an active member of the Mt. Crest United Methodist Church for more than five decades, singing in the choir and serving as a member of United Methodist Women; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Boynton epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and she should be specially recognized for her many contributions and devoted work; 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 Emma Ann Summers Boynton on the occasion of her retirement as the Bledsoe County register of deeds, commending her service to her fellow

citizens and extending our best wishes for continued success and happiness in all 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.