

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 911

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A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Brenda Gilmore for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Brenda Gilmore of Nashville is one such distinguished public servant, who has served both her constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Gilmore has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County while representing House District 54 as a member of the 105th through 110th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gilmore is enjoying the fruits of retirement, but she formerly served as a director at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gilmore is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Nashville, having served with distinction as president of C.A.B.L.E.; chairman of the Nominating Committee for the League of Women Voters; a member of the Nashville Women Political Caucus, Women in Numbers, and the Tennessee State University Alumni Association; a lifetime member of the NAACP; president of the National Hook-Up of Black Women; a member of the Music City Chapter of Links and Top Ladies of Distinction; Tennessee state coordinator of Social Action for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; president of the Minerva

Foundation Board; advisory board member for the Junior League; president and chairman of the Strategic Planning and Leadership Committees for Senior Citizens, Inc.; a board member of the YMCA; a trustee of Belmont University; chairman of the Capital Campaign and Board Member Emeritus of the Northwest YMCA; and an advisory board member of the FiftyForward Foundation; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during her time in the General Assembly, Representative Gilmore has rendered sterling service as a member of the House Business and Utilities Committee, House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, Joint Fiscal Review Committee, House Conservation and Environment Committee, and House Business and Utilities Subcommittee; she has also served as chairman of the Davidson County Delegation, co-chairman of STEM, and chairman of the Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators; and

WHEREAS, on the national level, she has served on the Foundation Board of NCSL and as president of NCSL's Women's Network, an executive board member and chair of housing for NBCSL, and an executive board member for NCEL; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Gilmore previously contributed significantly to her community as a member of the Nashville Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Gilmore has been inducted into the YWCA Academy for Women of Achievement and received the Harriet Foley Volunteer Award, the YMCA Volunteer of the Year award, the Thurgood Marshall Community Award, and the Advocacy Award from the Metro Human Relations Commission; and

WHEREAS, she expresses her faith as a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Gilmore holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Tennessee State University and a master's degree in human resource development from Vanderbilt University; she is also a graduate of the Tennessee Government Executive Institute, Leadership Vanderbilt, and Leadership Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gilmore is a devoted professional and civic leader, and she has proven that citizens can make a difference through being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Brenda Gilmore is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship of her husband of forty-five years, Harry Gilmore; their daughter, Metro Councilwoman Erica Gilmore; and their granddaughter, Anyah Gilmore Jones; and

WHEREAS, throughout her outstanding career as a public servant, Brenda Gilmore has worked tirelessly on behalf of her constituents, bringing to her office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Representative Brenda Gilmore 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 exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Representative Brenda Gilmore for her meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend her for her countless contributions and many good works in service to the citizens of House District 54, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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