

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1070

By Lollar

A RESOLUTION to recognize Nancy W. Sartor on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Nancy W. Sartor is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty-two years with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT); and

WHEREAS, Nancy Sartor will be taking a much-deserved retirement on June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, possessing a passion for serving and helping local governments throughout the State, Mrs. Sartor began working with TDOT in June 1968 to assist in the development of the Interstate program; she has served twelve commissioners throughout her illustrious tenure; and

WHEREAS, initially employed in the Federal-aid Liaison Section of the Programming Division, she reviewed, catalogued, and distributed mail from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), which was then known as the Bureau of Public Works, to executives at TDOT, which was then known as the Tennessee Department of Highways; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sartor moved from Federal-aid Liaison to the Local Programs office to begin her exemplary career working with local governments to develop and improve local transportation systems; it was in this office that she embraced her professional calling to serve the needs of local governments; and

WHEREAS, after taking the position of Transportation Manager I, Mrs. Sartor was asked by Commissioner Nicely to develop and staff the Community Relations Division; she soon moved to the management of the Transportation Research Office and then assumed

responsibility of the Local Program Development Office in the position of Transportation Manager 2; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Nancy Sartor was the first female TDOT employee to receive the Award of Excellence for the Engineering Bureau and was one of the first two TDOT employees to be named to the Tennessee Government Management Institute; she is also a graduate of the AASHTO Management Institute; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished professional, Mrs. Sartor recently led the way in helping local governments coordinate and make application of the process and requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA); and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sartor is an important part of her community, and she has an active second career as a mystery/suspense writer, publishing novels *The House Next Door* and *The World of the Unknown*; she is also founder and director of the Vine Street Scribblers, a charter member and current President of Word Spinners Ink, and a member of DarkStormy.com; and

WHEREAS, her many professional achievements aside, Nancy Sartor is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, David Sartor, who is a nationally-recognized and award-winning musical composer; the Sartors have two children, John R. Laws and Sharon Rebecca Farrell; five grandchildren, Randall Laws, Amanda Laws, Jamie Farrell, Brandon Farrell, and Rebecca Farrell; and one great-granddaughter, Kadee Farrell; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sartor exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Nancy Sartor has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Nancy W. Sartor our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in 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.