

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1504

By Sexton

A RESOLUTION to honor Kim McCaster Cox on the occasion of her retirement from the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pay tribute to those legislative employees whose commitment to excellence and dedication to public service have brought untold benefits to the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly McCaster Cox is one such exemplary employee of the House of Representatives and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, appointed Assistant Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives in 2017, Kim Cox is the first African American to hold the position; and

WHEREAS, Kim Cox is an integral part of the House Clerk's office, serving on the Legislative Intern Committee, overseeing the development of the electronic message program and the electronic script program, directing the page program, coordinating Pastors of the Day, and organizing presentations under Welcoming and Honoring in the House Orders of Business; and

WHEREAS, Kim Cox has always been a steady hand for the House of Representatives in helping members bring and present their distinguished constituents to the Chamber for recognition; and

WHEREAS, a constant source of understanding, Kim Cox epitomizes what it means to be "the calm" on the House Floor; and

WHEREAS, Kim Cox has served as the legislature's matchmaker and therapist; no matter your status as an intern, staff member, or House member, she provides a shoulder to cry on and is always ready with relationship advice; and

WHEREAS, like a Boy Scout, the Assistant Chief Clerk must always be prepared, and Kim thrives in this area, be it correcting a fashion faux pas or tackling a gift-wrap emergency; and

WHEREAS, if shoes or bags are not what you need, Mrs. Cox is an accomplished cosmetologist and can style your hair with expertise using her trusted flat irons; and

WHEREAS, Kim Cox lives by the dubious, but courageous, creed: "If you're going to get cussed out, you might as well do whatever you want."; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cox refuses to preside over House session from the Clerk's microphone, because her voice, like Sade's, is "too sexy for session"; and

WHEREAS a native of Shelby County, Kim Cox is proud to be from the 901; and

WHEREAS, Kim Cox holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University and a master's degree from Trevecca Nazarene University; and

WHEREAS, a member of several social clubs and charitable organizations, she is an integral part of the community and a mentor to many; and

WHEREAS, Kim Cox is a connoisseur of fine foods; if a new restaurant had a grand opening today, she would have somehow already visited it twice and have formed strong opinions on the cuisine; and

WHEREAS, a lover of cupcakes and fine dining, Kim Cox detests pizza, unless it is of the gourmet variety; she is also known throughout the land for her strong brunch game; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cox must surely hold the Guinness World Record for most hours logged on the phone with her insurance health coach, as she enjoys this intrusive experience more than most; and

WHEREAS, a fashionista at heart, Kim Cox has a pair of shoes to match every outfit she owns; they are all stored under her desk or behind the Well, and she can change them out at a moment's notice; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her extensive shoe collection, Mrs. Cox is renowned for her plethora of handbags for any occasion; and

WHEREAS, the House Clerk's Office will never be the same without the guidance and wisdom of Kimberly McCaster Cox; 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 Kim McCaster Cox on the occasion of her retirement from the General Assembly, thank her for her distinguished service to the House of Representatives, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.