

HOUSE RESOLUTION 73

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Beth Reardon on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Beth Reardon is one such estimable individual, who served for twenty-seven years as city manager of the City of Belle Meade, from which position she recently retired; and

WHEREAS, a Buffalo, New York, native and longtime resident of Nashville, Ms. Reardon first became employed with the City of Belle Meade in September 1990 as treasurer; five years later, she was appointed by T. Scott Fillebrown to serve as city manager; and

WHEREAS, from that point until her retirement, she served in both roles, as city manager and treasurer, while also serving on the Belle Meade Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Beth Reardon became city manager at a time when few women held such offices; when she first joined the Tennessee City Manager Association in the mid-1990s, it was a male-dominated organization; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished twenty-seven-year career as city manager of the City of Belle Meade, Ms. Reardon provided solid leadership and thoughtful guidance for her fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, under the unique circumstance of Belle Meade being a satellite city that relies on Metropolitan Nashville for services such as gas, electric, water, and some sewer utilities, Ms. Reardon expertly navigated her role, leading her team toward various independent initiatives and working with the City of Belle Meade's independent police force; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Ms. Reardon worked one-on-one with the Belle Meade citizens, available day or night to take their calls and hear their concerns; and

WHEREAS, prior to Ms. Reardon's departure, the City of Belle Meade honored her by naming the meeting room in City Hall the "Beth Reardon Municipal Hall," a testament to her indelible impact on the city and the respect she earned for her many years of devoted service; and

WHEREAS, Beth Reardon exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious tenure, Ms. Reardon carried out her responsibilities with diligence and integrity, and her remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader cast the mold for all who will follow; and

WHEREAS, a strong advocate for the citizens of Belle Meade, Beth Reardon compiled a singular record of success during her exemplary public service career, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Beth Reardon for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as city manager of the City of Belle Meade and extend to her our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

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