

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 212

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Pam Fansler on the occasion of her retirement.

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

WHEREAS, Pam Fansler is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty years at First Tennessee Bank and who will be taking her much-deserved retirement on July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of East Tennessee State University, Ms. Fansler earned a bachelor's degree with a double major in foreign language and history with a minor in political science; she intended to pursue a career in foreign service, but a stint as a teller at Valley Fidelity Bank in Knoxville changed her plans; and

WHEREAS, a self-described "accidental banker," Pam Fansler continued her employment at Valley Fidelity Bank, later acquired by First Tennessee Bank, where she broke barriers and rose in the company ranks; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Southeastern School of Banking and the Louisiana State University Graduate School of Banking, Ms. Fansler became the East region president of First Tennessee in 2003; on March 1, 2017, she was named regional chairman; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Fansler's leadership, First Tennessee Bank has been named the best bank in Knoxville by the *Knoxville News Sentinel* for sixteen consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Pam Fansler is an active and important part of her community and her profession; she has served on the boards of the Knoxville Symphony, the Knoxville Area Chamber Partnership, the Girl Scouts of Tanasi Council, Friends of Literacy, and the Covenant

Health Board, where she chaired the finance committee; she was also the chair of the 2011 United Way of Greater Knoxville Campaign; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Fansler was honored in 2013 with a lifetime achievement award from the Young Women's Christian Association Knoxville; in 2015, she was awarded First Tennessee Bank's Charles Q. Harris Leadership Award, the company's most prestigious leadership honor, which is presented to the leader who places a high priority on serving others and helping the company succeed; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Pam Fansler 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.