

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 569

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Bernice Csaszar 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 careers; and

WHEREAS, Bernice Csaszar is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 59 years with the Bridgestone Americas, formerly Firestone Rubber & Tire Company, and as Administrator of the Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund, the philanthropic arm of Bridgestone Americas, since 2006; and

WHEREAS, in the role of Administrator, Ms. Csaszar has overseen and administered the operations of donations for not-for-profit organizations with missions that support education, environment and conservation, and children's programs; she has also overseen Bridgestone's matching gift program and the company's scholarship program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Csaszar has managed The Trust Fund's \$2.5 million budget and has reviewed all contribution requests, as well as organizing research and trust fund grant recipients; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, Ms. Csaszar has overseen the donation of more than \$20 million to national and local charities, as well as those charities in communities Bridgestone Americas' teammates call home; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Csaszar has been a trusted resource for the nearly 100 organizations that benefit from Trust Fund donations; and

WHEREAS, originally joining Firestone in Akron, Ohio but having moved to Nashville in 1991 for career advancement, Ms. Csaszar has held more than nine different positions in the

company, and she has supported divisions including public affairs, community responsibility, and agricultural and retail sales; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Csaszar graduated from the University of Akron with an Associate Degree in Business Management, and prior to accepting a job with Firestone, she served as a secretary at Connecticut General Life Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Csaszar also contributes her time and numerous talents to the betterment of her community through volunteering, and she spends much of her personal time supporting the Happy Tales Humane Shelter in Franklin and her local library; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Bernice Csaszar 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Bernice Csaszar 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.