

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 919

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Madeline Sanders on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Madeline Sanders of Knox County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders has served with the Senior Companion Program for twenty-four years, helping homebound seniors maintain their independence to avoid nursing home placement by providing such services as light housekeeping, meal preparation, shopping, medication reminders, and companionship; and

WHEREAS, at eighty-seven years old, Ms. Sanders has gained an abundance of knowledge, patience, and understanding, which makes her an ideal companion; and

WHEREAS, Madeline Sanders, who overflows with compassion and dedication, called her clients daily throughout the pandemic to check on them and remind them to take their

medications; she shopped for them and, on many days, delivered hot meals to their doorsteps;
and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Madeline Sanders for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

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.