

SENATE RESOLUTION 130

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mae Beavers for her service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we salute those individuals who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves throughout their careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is our former colleague Mae Beavers, who was recently appointed by Governor Bill Lee to serve on the Tennessee Board of Parole for a six-year term; and

WHEREAS, Mae Beavers was born in Millport, Alabama, on December 11, 1947; she holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Trevecca Nazarene University and attended the Nashville School of Law; and

WHEREAS, she worked as a court reporter and financial advisor before being elected to the Wilson County Commission in 1990 for a four-year term; and

WHEREAS, Mae Beavers distinguished herself as an exceptional asset to the citizens of House District 57 as a member of the 99th through 102nd General Assemblies and Senate District 17 as a member of the 103rd through 110th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, perhaps best known for her staunch stance against higher taxes, Senator Beavers was one of the driving forces behind the successful effort to derail legislation imposing a state income tax in Tennessee; she also sponsored bills to decrease the sales tax on food, eliminate the gift tax, and phase out the inheritance tax; and

WHEREAS, Senator Beavers was a fierce opponent of federal mandates and a stalwart proponent of local control of our school systems; and

WHEREAS, one of the most conservative legislators in Tennessee, she supported the pro-life movement and the Second Amendment; sponsored legislation enacting tougher laws

against illegal immigrants and protecting patient choice in healthcare; and strongly opposed unwarranted federal intervention in recognizing same-sex marriage; and

WHEREAS, Senator Beavers served as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, chairman of the Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee, first vice chairman of the Senate Transportation and Safety Committee, and a member of the Senate Government Operations Committee and Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, upon leaving the Tennessee Senate, Mae Beavers served as chair of the Wilson County Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, she is the 2013 and 2014 recipient of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce Friend of Business award and the National Federation of Independent Business Protector of Business award; in 2016, she received the highest rating for conservative excellence from the American Conservative Union Foundation; and

WHEREAS, a woman of devout religious faith, Mae Beavers is a member of Trevecca Community Church of the Nazarene; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, she is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship of her husband, Jerry Beavers; her sons and daughters-in-law, Eric and Wendi Beavers and Jason and Angela Beavers; and her grandchildren, Leighton, Taylor, Collin, Blake, and Brayden; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mae Beavers exemplifies the qualities that have earned Tennessee worldwide fame as the Volunteer State, and it is fitting that she should be recognized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Mae Beavers for her service to the citizens of Tennessee, congratulate her on her appointment to the Tennessee Board of Parole, and extend our best wishes for every continued success and happiness.

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