



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 391

By Representatives Larry Miller, Camper, Richardson, Coley, Cooper, Towns, Johnnie Turner, Parkinson, Kernell, Lollar, Todd, White, McManus, Lois DeBerry

and

Senators Marrero, Ford, Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Myra Stiles for her meritorious service to the Shelby County Election Commission.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such worthy citizen is Myra Stiles, who serves Shelby County with acumen and alacrity as the Secretary of its election commission; and

WHEREAS, born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, Ms. Stiles earned a Bachelor of Journalism degree and a Master of Arts degree in English from the University of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, she and her husband, Bob, moved to Memphis in 1968, where he taught physiology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center until his retirement in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stiles served estimably as a legal administrator for the law firm of Farris, Mathews, Branam, Bobango & Hellen for twenty-four years until her retirement in 2002; and

WHEREAS, she also served as an editor and proofreader for Quadrangle Books, as a high school English and journalism teacher, and as an advertising manager for the news in Richmond, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Myra Stiles has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, she has graciously donated her time and energies to numerous organizations, including serving as the Parliamentarian for the Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women, as the Treasurer for the Shelby County Democratic Women, as the Treasurer for Mothers of the Nile, as a member of the Democracy Project, and as the Campaign Treasurer for two elected officials; and

WHEREAS, she previously served as the President of the Democratic Women of Shelby County and the Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women, for which she also served as Coordinator for state conventions; as a Parliamentarian and Treasurer for the Shelby County Democratic Party, for which she has chaired or co-chaired county reorganization conventions; as a member of the selection committee for Women of Achievement; and as an Election Commissioner from 1987-99 and 2001-03, during which time she chaired the Voter Services and Technology Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stiles's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, her professional accomplishments aside, she is perhaps most proud of the love and support she shares with her husband, Bob, and their three children and four grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Myra Stiles is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

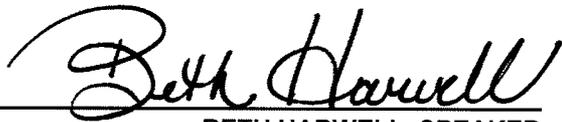
WHEREAS, Ms. Stiles is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Myra Stiles for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as the Secretary of the Shelby County Election Commission and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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

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ADOPTED: MAY 12, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR