



State of Tennessee

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117

By Harper, Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Vivian Michael Wilhoite on her meritorious service to Davidson County.

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

WHEREAS, Vivian Michael Wilhoite is one such estimable individual, a servant-hearted woman who has earnestly and diligently endeavored to make Davidson County a better place to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, a highly skilled public servant, Vivian Wilhoite enjoyed a thirty-year career with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA); during her time with that agency, she ascended through the ranks, first serving as a real estate appraiser, then as assistant director, and later as chief of the Consumer Services Division and concluding her tenure at TRA as statewide representative for Consumer Education & Outreach, in which capacity she empowered consumers throughout the State to make informed decisions regarding utility services; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Wilhoite also distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to her community through her two terms as a member of the Metropolitan Nashville Council as the representative for District 29 from 2003 to 2011; and

WHEREAS, while serving on the Metro Council, Mrs. Wilhoite was selected as vice president of the National League of Cities Information, Technology, and Communications Committee, which played a major role in the implementation of the broadband plan and digital transition for Nashville; and

WHEREAS, following her service on the Metropolitan Council, Mrs. Wilhoite remained active in the community and political arena; seeing an opportunity to effect change and empower the masses, she successfully ran for the Office of Assessor of Property for Davidson County for the 2016-2020 term, becoming the first African American in Davidson County's history to hold the office; and

WHEREAS, a native of Gulfport, Mississippi, Mrs. Wilhoite first came to Nashville when she enrolled at Tennessee State University, from which she received her bachelor's degree in business administration; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Wilhoite'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, a highly respected and admired member of the Nashville community, Mrs. Wilhoite actively lends her time and talents as a board member of a number of civic, community, and charitable organizations, including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, dedicating her life to serving others, Vivian Wilhoite epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, committed public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Wilhoite enjoys the love and support of her husband, Larry Wilhoite, and their two sons, Lelan and Pherius; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Wilhoite 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and honor Vivian Michael Wilhoite for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Davidson County and the State of Tennessee 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.

ADOPTED: **May 9, 2017**



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE