



# *State of Tennessee*

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 985

By Senators Yager, Massey

and

Representative Travis

A RESOLUTION to commend and congratulate Laura W. Travis, 2020 Rhea County Republican of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Laura W. Travis, who was recently named the 2020 Rhea County Republican of the Year, a most befitting honor for her tireless service to the Republican Party in Rhea County; and

WHEREAS, born in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, Laura Jane Wimberly Travis is the daughter of James and Peggy Wimberly; she moved to Rhea County in 1981; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen and alacrity as an administrative assistant for the Tennessee Valley Authority from 1979 to 1990 before embarking on a highly successful career as an insurance agent; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 to 2018, Mrs. Travis was a licensed associate agent for Nationwide Insurance with the Ron Travis Agency; she served as a primary agent for Allstate Insurance from 2009 until 2011; and

WHEREAS, Laura Travis is the beloved wife of our colleague Representative Ron Travis, and much of his success can be attributed to her tireless work ethic and valuable contributions to his campaigns in House District 31; and

WHEREAS, a docent at the Governor's Executive Residence since 2013, Mrs. Travis created and implemented the Let's Tour 31 program, personally completing to date eighty-one tours of the State Capitol, the Tennessee State Museum, Ellington Agricultural Center, and the Executive Residence; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Laura Travis was chair of the Rhea County Courthouse Restoration Task Force; she expresses her support for Tennessee's next generations as a mentor for tnAchieves and as a guest reader for the Read to be Ready program; and

WHEREAS, a respected and trusted leader, Laura Travis was appointed by Governor Bill Haslam to serve on the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation Advisory Council and reappointed to the Douglas Henry State Museum Commission by Governor Haslam after first being a joint appointee of former Speaker of the House Beth Harwell and former Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey in 2015; and

WHEREAS, she is grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband and our colleague, Representative Ron Travis; she is the proud mother of two daughters, Jessica and Rachel, and the devoted grandmother of four adorable grandchildren, Alley Jo, Beckham, Hadley, and Scout; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and the Republican Party have been fortunate to have enjoyed the services of this devoted individual, and it is fitting that she be recognized for her stalwart contributions to this great State; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to honor and commend Laura Travis for her many contributions to the people of Tennessee, her unwavering commitment to public service, and her astute leadership; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate Laura W. Travis upon being named the 2020 Rhea County Republican of the Year, thank her for her dedication and service to the Republican Party, and extend to her our best wishes for 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

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ADOPTED: March 2, 2020



RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR