

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 494

By Campbell

A RESOLUTION to recognize Carole Bucy upon the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, after nearly three decades of service as a professor of history at Volunteer State Community College, Carole Bucy took her much-deserved retirement in July 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bucy joined the faculty at Vol State in 1995; a professor of both American and Tennessee history, Ms. Bucy has done considerable research and writing on the history of the creation of Metropolitan government for Nashville-Davidson County; she continues to receive calls from other cities that are considering consolidating the functions of their city and county government; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime advocate for local and state history, she regularly conducts teacher workshops on the incorporation of Tennessee history into existing U.S. history courses and is a frequent speaker across the state on a variety of historical subjects; and

WHEREAS, often sought out for her specialized knowledge of local and state history, she is a contributor to WNPT (Nashville Public Television) documentaries, the Tennessee State Museum, and the *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture*, and in 2011, Mayor Karl Dean appointed her to the honorary position of Davidson County historian; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bucy is a founding member of the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Centennial Commission and served as the lead researcher for Nashville Public Library's Votes for Women Room, which opened in January 2021; and

WHEREAS, a leader in her profession, Professor Bucy holds memberships in the Tennessee Historical Society, the Southern Historical Association, and the Southern Association of Women Historians; she chaired the Tennessee Conference of Historians for two years and has served as vice president of the Tennessee Historical Society for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bucy has penned many books, including *From Rocky Top to the Mississippi Mud: A History of Tennessee*, *History Carved in Stone: The Nashville City Cemetery*, *Women Helping Women*, *The YWCA of Nashville*, and *Tennessee Through Time: The Early Years* and *Tennessee Through Time: The Later Years*, the latter two of which are used in a number of fourth- and fifth-grade classrooms across the state; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Carole Bucy is the 2014 recipient of the Southern Historical Association's Numan V. Bartley Award for community college scholars; she was inducted into the YWCA of Middle Tennessee's Academy for Women of Achievement in 1998 and, in 2022, was recognized by the Davidson County Metro Historical Commission with the Leadership Award in History; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bucy holds degrees in history from Baylor University, George Peabody College, and Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, a woman of faith, Ms. Bucy is an elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church, where she and her family have been longtime members; she organized the church's history and helped create an exhibit from her research; and

WHEREAS, Carole Bucy exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. Bucy has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of her students and colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Carole Bucy our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, offering our deepest gratitude for her distinguished service with Volunteer State Community College and wishing her 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.