

SENATE RESOLUTION 39

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to recognize Martha Perine Beard on the occasion of her retirement from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Martha Perine Beard is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction as the regional executive of the Memphis Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, joining the Federal Reserve Bank as a management trainee, Martha Beard has served in a number of management and official positions during her career and transferred to the Memphis Branch in 1997; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mobile, Alabama, Mrs. Beard holds a bachelor's degree in business from Clark Atlanta University and a master's degree in economics from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Martha Beard is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including Memphis Tomorrow, Greater Memphis Chamber, United Way of the Mid-South, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Baptist Health Care Corporation, and the Mid-South Minority Business Council; and

WHEREAS, a member of the 1998 class of Leadership Memphis, the 2000 class of the New Memphis Institute, and the 2014 class of Leadership Tennessee, Martha Perine Beard has been profiled in *The Commercial Appeal*, *Memphis Business Journal*, and *Grace Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she has been honored for her community work by Leadership Memphis, the United Way of the Mid-South, the Memphis Office

of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Memphis Woman Magazine*, the *Memphis Business Journal*, and *Grace Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife and mother of three, Martha Beard exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Martha Perine Beard has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Martha Perine Beard our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and 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.