

HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JANICE GADD

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carol S. Moss

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution recognizes Janice Gadd's 38 years of service in the House of Representatives as journal clerk.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ expresses gratitude to Janice Gadd for her dedication in serving as the House of Representatives' journal clerk for 38 years;
- ▶ acknowledges Janice's wealth of institutional knowledge and her comprehension of the legislative process; and
- ▶ highlights Janice's positive influence on others during her tenure as journal clerk.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, Janice Gadd dedicated 38 years of her career serving as journal clerk for the Utah House of Representatives, as well as supervisor of the Office of Legislative Printing;

WHEREAS, Janice was instrumental in producing the Laws of Utah, which includes all legislation passed during a legislative session;

WHEREAS, every two years, Janice was instrumental in processing and printing the updated pamphlet version of the Utah Constitution, and meticulously labored over the updated text to ensure accuracy;



28 WHEREAS, Janice's diligence was inspirational, her positivity and interpersonal skills
29 were exceptional, and her dedication and patience were exemplary;

30 WHEREAS, Janice was among those with the most institutional knowledge in, and of,
31 Utah's legislative branch;

32 WHEREAS, Janice consistently demonstrated professionalism in adapting to diverging
33 leadership styles while serving under different Speakers;

34 WHEREAS, according to former House of Representatives Chief Clerk Sandy Tenny,
35 working with Janice in the House was a joy;

36 WHEREAS, whenever there was a need, Janice assisted the Chief Clerk with her duties
37 in the circle, especially on the last night of session when things get chaotic;

38 WHEREAS, Janice was exceptionally accurate, professional, timely, trustworthy, and
39 detail-oriented;

40 WHEREAS, Janice was a wonderful mentor, teacher, example, friend, and confidant;

41 WHEREAS, Janice's commitment as House Journal Clerk and Bill Room manager led
42 to many late nights, early mornings, and long days, while facing the challenges and exhaustion
43 that come with legislative sessions;

44 WHEREAS, under Janice's guidance and direction, the Legislative Printing Office and
45 Bill Room faithfully served legislators, staff, and the public, creating a reputation for quick,
46 efficient, and friendly service;

47 WHEREAS, Janice brought calm into a sometimes chaotic environment and made the
48 House feel like home;

49 WHEREAS, many describe Janice as kind, genuine, intelligent and loyal, a person who
50 genuinely cared about the legislative process;

51 WHEREAS, working with Janice was a delight; she smiled a lot, loved to laugh, and
52 even made journal corrections and session laws a fun experience;

53 WHEREAS, Janice was always a warm presence; no matter what was going on or
54 where she was, people could go to her for respite;

55 WHEREAS, under Janice's supervision, the printing office was a safe place, a refuge on
56 difficult days, where expressions of frustration, tears, or laughter, were met with warmth and
57 compassion;

58 WHEREAS, Janice was always a good friend with a listening ear;

59 WHEREAS, even in the face of extreme trials, Janice was resilient, dedicated, loyal,
60 and meticulous;

61 WHEREAS, Janice enthusiastically shared her love and passion with everyone, a
62 quality that endeared her to many;

63 WHEREAS, many will miss listening to Janice talk lovingly about her dogs, many of
64 which were rescue dogs that she adopted;

65 WHEREAS, due to her kindness and consideration, Janice's colleagues enjoyed
66 working with her, and engaging in activities with her outside of work, like aerobic classes;

67 WHEREAS, Janice, a warm and friendly individual, treated all who knew her
68 respectfully and kindly, and had an admirable work ethic;

69 WHEREAS, Janice's rare and genuine cheerfulness in difficult circumstances helped
70 steady the tone and tenor of floor proceedings;

71 WHEREAS, Janice's presence on Capitol Hill will be greatly missed;

72 WHEREAS, Janice's wealth of experience, and generosity in sharing her knowledge,
73 made her an invaluable support to her colleagues, both in Utah and throughout our great nation;

74 WHEREAS, when Janice lost her husband during her tenure as journal clerk, she met
75 the loss with dignity, strength, and resilience, providing support for, and being a role model to
76 her daughters;

77 WHEREAS, as a member of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and
78 Secretaries (ASLCS) since 1985, Janice attended meetings and conferences with many in the
79 Utah Legislature, as well as others throughout the country;

80 WHEREAS, as an active member of ASLCS, Janice served on professional
81 development panels and led various committees as Chair and Co-Chair, culminating in being
82 elected Associate Vice President in 2013;

83 WHEREAS, Janice's hard work was nationally recognized at the National Conference
84 of State Legislatures' Legislative Summit in Chicago, when she was awarded the Legislative
85 Staff Achievement Award in 2016;

86 WHEREAS, Janice's many friends and colleagues from across the country praise her
87 for always being cheerful, friendly, welcoming to all, and possessing contagious kindness;

88 WHEREAS, Janice was generous with her time and talents, serving as a great mentor
89 and resource to those aspiring to follow in her footsteps and work their way through the ranks

90 of ASLCS;

91 WHEREAS, Janice embodies all the best qualities of effective legislative staff: she is
92 knowledgeable and hardworking, yet unassuming;

93 WHEREAS, Janice was always up for a challenge and used her creativity to solve
94 problems;

95 WHEREAS, Janice had a deep love for the legislative institution, as shown by her
96 many years of dedication to the State of Utah and to ASLCS;

97 WHEREAS, Janice enriched the personal and professional lives of all those around her,
98 and her retirement leaves both a void and a tremendous opportunity for others to follow her
99 example of cheerful competence, compassion, and dedication;

100 WHEREAS, all agree that Janice is a true gem; and

101 WHEREAS, we wish Janice a very Happy Retirement full of love, health, and new
102 adventures:

103 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
104 state of Utah expresses its sincere gratitude to Janice Gadd for her 38 years of exemplary
105 service and dedication to the Utah Legislature and state of Utah.