

House Resolution 1749

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dianne Hardin and congratulating her upon her retirement; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dianne Hardin's valuable tenure under this Gold Dome saw its fortunate genesis  
4 one score and fifteen years ago; and

5 WHEREAS, after months of languishing in the self-appointed "upper chamber," on January 3  
6 of 1984, she fortuitously migrated to the House of Representatives, where she spent the next  
7 33 years as a dutiful sentinel of this chamber; and

8 WHEREAS, she served the House Judiciary Committee long and ably in Room 132, as  
9 attested by her image on the wall of fame; and

10 WHEREAS, Dianne has been an ever indispensable, accommodating guide in the Judiciary,  
11 Veterans Affairs, and Insurance Committees; and

12 WHEREAS, Dianne fostered many of us in this chamber, as well as many of those out in the  
13 halls, in the ways of this institution; and

14 WHEREAS, the names of those she has served include some who have gone before us: the  
15 Honorable Joe Wood, Ken Birdsong, Wesley Dunn, Jimmy Lord, Wendell Willard, and  
16 David Ralston; and

17 WHEREAS, on December 17, 2009, less than two hours after his nomination to be Speaker  
18 of the House of Representatives, David Ralston extended his first offer of a position in the  
19 Speaker's office to Dianne Hardin; and

20 WHEREAS, Dianne served as executive assistant to the Speaker for over eight years, a  
21 tenure that was characterized by her unsurpassed organizational skills, her strong work ethic,  
22 professionalism, competence, loyalty, and love for the House of Representatives; and

23 WHEREAS, Dianne has firmly decided that 2018 shall mark her final exodus from the  
24 Capitol, after which she will relish babysitting Ava Grace in Panama City and generally  
25 enjoying her family with her husband, Bob, and all of her grandchildren, including Hannah  
26 and Nathaniel, during her newfound leisure time; and

27 WHEREAS, it is most appropriate to express tremendous gratitude for her 35 years of  
28 outstanding service; and

29 WHEREAS, while she will be missed by one and all, hers will be a most deserved  
30 retirement.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body thank and commend Dianne Hardin for her service to this state,  
33 congratulate her upon her retirement, and urge her to take care of sweet Ava Grace, enjoy all  
34 of her family, and remember to visit the profusion of admirers she leaves behind.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dianne Hardin.