



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution honoring Vicki Yates upon the occasion of her retirement from News Channel 5 Network.

WHEREAS, when Vicki Yates brings you the news every night at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., you are benefiting from more than three decades of journalism experience and award-winning reporting; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her anchoring and reporting duties, Vicki co-hosts the annual Children's Miracle Network Telethon benefiting Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, a testament to her community involvement on and off the air; and

WHEREAS, Vicki's career began in Detroit, Michigan while attending college. As a freelance reporter, she worked for Michigan's number one minority newspaper, The Michigan Chronicle. While a junior at Michigan State University, she was hired to work at WJIM-TV as a news reporter; and

WHEREAS, Vicki's experience and responsibilities grew while working as Assistant News Director, reporter and Public Affairs Director at WMJC Radio in Detroit. She was responsible for six daily newscasts and two weekly public service programs. From there, Vicki went on to work as a news writer, producer, and news reporter at two other stations in Michigan and Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Vicki's talent eventually landed her an anchor/news reporter position at WKRC-TV in Cincinnati, where she helped make the Noon newscast number one in the market. Before joining the NewsChannel 5 Network team, Vicki anchored and reported at KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for five years; and

WHEREAS, Vicki has won six Emmys for reports including a mini documentary "Bundles of Joy" on multiple births, a special news feature about the life of Olympian Wilma Rudolph, and for her news franchise, "School Patrol"; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Vicki was invited by the White House to visit Washington, D.C. and interview President Barack Obama one-on-one; and

WHEREAS, Vicki is the proud mother of three children; a daughter, Torri, who is a multimedia host and also an actress, and twin boys Maxx and Alex. Vicki and her daughter have their own "Wild Wisdom Women" podcast, which they use to inspire and empower women who face challenges in their lives. They also teach those women how to fight discouragement; and

WHEREAS, Vicki spends much of her free time hosting events for local organizations, or traveling to visit her much loved children; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognizes and congratulates Vicki Yates upon her retirement and commends her for her outstanding service to News Channel 5 Network and to the citizens of Nashville and the surrounding viewing area, and wish her well in her future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing Vicki Yates for over 30 years of

service to WTVF News Channel 5 Network and to Nashville and Davidson County and wishes her well in her retirement.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.