



News Release

(Gallatin, TN) Gallatin Mayor Jo Ann Graves, along with three other female mayors and Tennessee’s First Lady, spoke recently in Nashville at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women.

The panel of speakers included Crissy Haslam, wife of Governor Bill Haslam, Clarksville Mayor Kim McMillan, Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, and Germantown Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy. They shared information and ideas on the world of women in government.

“It was an honor to be asked by the Economic Council to speak at their statewide meeting,” Mayor Jo Ann Graves said. “I remember meeting Sharon Goldsworthy when I was on the Gallatin City Council nearly 20 years ago. We were both interested in learning more about serving our communities as elected officials. I went on to serve as the first female Speaker Pro Tempore in the State Senate before becoming Mayor of Gallatin and she went on to become Mayor of Germantown where she’s served four terms. It was exciting to be able to share our experiences with other women who might want to follow in our footsteps.”

The mission of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women is to assess issues and advocate solutions that will promote the economic autonomy of women. The Council studies employment policies and practices, educational needs and opportunities, property rights, health care, child care, domestic relations and the effect of laws on women. For more information on the Council, visit:

www.tn.gov/sos/ecw/

Pictured l-r in the attached pictures:

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, Clarksville Mayor Kim McMillan, Tennessee First Lady Crissy Haslam, Gallatin Mayor Jo Ann Graves, and Germantown Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy.

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