

CENTRAL HONORS HEROINE



Central High School teacher Chris Hammond, standing center with a black shirt between Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon and Fountain City Historian Dr. J.C. Tumbble, welcomed guests Friday to the unveiling of a historic marker for Mary Francis Howsley. Tumbble was a classmate of Howsley, known as "Frankie." She was a Central High School graduate who became an airline flight attendant and saved the lives of ten people after the plane crashed in 1951. Howsley died trying to rescue a 4-month-old baby from the plane. The dedication of the plaque, a three-year effort by Hammond and the high school, drew Howsley family members from Florida and Campbell County. The marker is located along Sycamore Pike at the corner of Forestal Drive where Frankie and her family lived. Photo by Mike Stealy.

More moves to restrict Board of Health on Commission Agenda

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Following up on a failed effort to handicap the Knox County Board of Health, Commissioner Kyle Ward is back again with two proposals on next Monday's Commission Work Session agenda.

Commissioners Ward and Justin Biggs initially proposed the idea of placing the Board of Health under the authority of Knox County Glenn Jacobs as an advisory group with approval for any actions to be approved by Jacobs. That failed and that resolution was altered to simply tell the public that the commission does not approve of the COVID-19 regulations passed by the board. It passed but is powerless to dictate anything to the board.

School board votes to end furloughs