

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Josephine Gaines Wade of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Josephine Gaines Wade; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wade was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Murfreesboro on April 15, 1934, to the late Willie and Maggie Gaines, Mrs. Wade attended Tennessee State University, from which she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education, and a master's degree in elementary education; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for the Memphis City Schools, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work. She retired after thirty-six years of teaching at Alonzo Locke, Cummings, and Georgia Elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of her community, Mrs. Wade was an active member of the Parkway Vista Club, Goodwill Homes, Orange Mound Community Center, and the T.S.U. Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and devout lifelong member of St. John Baptist Church, where she served as a Trustee; as member of the Deaconess Board, the Official St. John Board, The Christian Board of Education, and the New Members Class; and as a Sunday school teacher in the Children's and Adult Class divisions. She also held several leadership positions in the Esther Circle and the New Era Club; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable woman was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her husband, Frank W. Wade; two daughters, Judge Carolyn Wade Blackett and Karen Naomi Wade; her son, Dr. Frank D. Wade; four grandchildren, Philip C. Blackett, Aarica J. Blackett, Jordan B. Wade, and Joshua M. Wade; two sisters, Martha Robinson and Ella W. Poindexter; and a host of other loved ones and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wade leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Josephine Gaines Wade, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Wade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.