

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Cathy Lane White of Lafayette.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Cathy Lane White; and

WHEREAS, Cathy White was an exemplary woman and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Macon County on November 9, 1954, Cathy White was one of two daughters born to Will T. Colter and Sammy Eden Colter; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Macon County High School in 1972, Mrs. White served with acumen and alacrity as a payroll clerk at a shirt factory and as an employee in the office of James Chamberlain; and

WHEREAS, Cathy White took the leap into entrepreneurship on July 1, 1981, when she purchased a flower shop that she renamed Cathy's Florist and relocated to a storefront on the public square, where it remains to this day; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, after twenty-six years in business, Mrs. White sold Cathy's Florist and then spent the next decade as a cafeteria worker at Lafayette Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Cathy White was an important part of her community; she served as a Macon County Fair Board Director, and she was once honored as the *Macon County Chronicle* Citizen of the Week; and

WHEREAS, a woman of devout religious faith, Mrs. White was an active member of Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, Cathy White enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of forty-six years, James Michael White, and was the proud mother of Mikey (Amanda) White and Greg (Kim) White and the devoted grandmother of Kyra, Keenan, Kourtlyn, Beckett, and Reece; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her father, she will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by her mother; her sister and brother-in-law, Deborah and Roger Gregory; her sisters-in-law, Laura (Kenny) Driver and Judy (Mark) Blankenship; her brothers-in-law, Terry "Bubba" (Rhonda) White, Jerry (Arlene) White, and Gary (Tanisha) White; and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Cathy White 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 the members of 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Cathy Lane White, 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. White.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.