

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 124

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Nina Lou May Jones of Beech Bluff.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Nina Lou May Jones; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones 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 January 5, 1938, to Sam May and Sallie Mae Stedman May, Mrs. Jones was a lifelong resident of Beech Bluff; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen and alacrity in several positions during her estimable life, including as a secretary at Beech Bluff High School, as an employee at the Beech Bluff Post Office, as an accomplished homemaker, and as co-writer of a book entitled *'Bout Beech Bluff*, which she wrote with her brother, Murray May; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of her community, Nina Jones graciously donated her time and energies to numerous organizations, including serving as a board member of the Beech Bluff Cemetery, secretary of the Woodmen of the World Lodge #293, national representative for Woodmen of the World, secretary of the Beech Bluff Ruritan Club, member of the Beech Bluff Home Demonstration Club, and life chairman of the Beech Bluff Parade; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable woman was an active and devout member of Beech Bluff United Methodist Church, where she served as a member of Methodist Women, sang in the choir, and was a former Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed scrapbooking, snow skiing, cooking, baking, cake decorating, canning, the outdoors, being at her home at the river, and spending time with her family and friends; and

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

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Sherley May and Murray May; and two sisters, Helen Bell and Mary Gibson; and

WHEREAS, Nina Jones is survived by her husband of fifty-four years, Alvin Jones; two sons and their spouses, Al and Betty Jones, and Brad and Paula Jones; three grandchildren, Ty Jones and his wife, Ashlie, Bradley Jones, and Phalon Jones; one great-grandchild, Barrett Jones; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones 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 Nina Lou May Jones, 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. Jones.

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