

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 159

By Miller

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Linda Faye Hall of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Linda Faye Hall; and

WHEREAS, Linda Hall 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 on May 23, 1959, Ms. Hall was the daughter of James and Lucille Hall; she was the Valedictorian of the 1977 graduating class of Manassas High School and went on to attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she completed an associate's degree in business; and

WHEREAS, Linda Hall worked in the medical field before joining the United States Air Force, from which she was honorably discharged in 1989; a founding member of the Black Aircraft Mechanics Association, she worked for FedEx for nearly thirty years as an aircraft mechanic. She was promoted to aircraft maintenance manager, in which position she worked until she fell ill; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hall was heavily involved in community service and volunteered with a host of organizations; she served as a Girl Scout leader with her best friend Jackie Jones and as a basketball coach; distributed toys for Toys for Tots; attended school plays, baseball games, and choir engagements; and served as a devoted campaign manager for her best friend Representative Karen Camper; and

WHEREAS, she also served as a mentor for her family, close friends, and community, embracing children from less fortunate families and inviting them to join her family vacations; and

WHEREAS, Linda Hall was a devout woman of Christian faith; she professed her faith in God at an early age at Coleman Chapel C.M.E. Church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hall will be fondly remembered for her love for cooking, books, music, and plants; she was also an avid traveler and shopper who loved sports and tailgating at the Southern Heritage Classic; and

WHEREAS, Linda Hall 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 and her brothers, Michael Hall and Bobbie Tate; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her brother, Robert (Faye) Hall, Sr.; goddaughter, Latricia Conley; nieces, Chennel (Ronald) Tate, Angela Tate, and Bobbie (Toby) Tate; nephews, Tyrone Hall, Robert (Leticia) Hall, Jr., and Mario (Machelle) Biggs; great-nieces and -nephews, Vicki (Kevin), Camilla, Rondarrius, Mariah, Mason, Lakeiron, Malia, and Grayson; and a host of extended family members; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hall 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 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 Linda Faye Hall, 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 Ms. Hall.

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.