

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 218

By Carr

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sande Raye Weiss of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Sande Raye Weiss; and

WHEREAS, Sande Weiss 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, the daughter of Ed and Shirley Schrier, Sande Weiss was born on September 4, 1959, in Indianapolis, Indiana; she attended Brownsburg High School in Brownsburg, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weiss performed at Opryland in Nashville as a singer and dancer while she pursued her bachelor's degree and her master's degree in student personnel administration from Ball State University; she also sang with the Ball State Singers and appeared at Cedar Point; and

WHEREAS, after meeting Louise Mandrell, Sande Weiss became director of the Louise Mandrell Celebrity Shoot for Boy Scouts, growing the effort into the largest celebrity shooting event in the country; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Ashland City at the time, she also served as president of the Cheatham County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weiss moved to Pigeon Forge and led the marketing team for the Louise Mandrell Theater in 1997, and she assumed the position of general manager three years later; she also organized and sang at the Louise Mandrell Worship Service and performed with the Triumphant Quartet; and

WHEREAS, upon the sale of the Louise Mandrell Theater, Sande Weiss became the vice president of WonderWorks, where she was instrumental in opening the attraction and overseeing operations, community relations, and marketing; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Mrs. Weiss joined the Music Road Resort as president and chief executive officer, overseeing operations, marketing, and business development for the Music Road Hotel, the Music Road Inn, and the Music Road Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weiss was selected by Governor Bill Haslam to serve on the Tennessee Tourism Committee, and she became co-chair in 2015; as chair of the Knowledge Committee, she was responsible for research that served as the basis for Tennessee's tourism marketing plan; and

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

WHEREAS, Sande Weiss enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Lou Weiss; she is lovingly remembered by her parents and her sisters Edde (Tracy) Britt, Sherre (Stan) Comer, and Susie (Dan) Bond; she was preceded in death by her sister Julle Bond; and

WHEREAS, Sande Weiss 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sande Raye Weiss, 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. Weiss.

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