

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 264

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Edith Maxine Stockton Crouch of Jamestown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Edith Maxine Stockton Crouch; and

WHEREAS, Maxine Crouch 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 April 2, 1914, she was the daughter of Grover and Bertha Brooks Stockton; she grew up in the Stockton community, which was named for her grandfather Isaac Stockton, who settled in the area in 1840; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crouch attended school in Stockton with her brothers, Harold and Brooks, and after the family moved to Jamestown, she attended York Agricultural Institute, from which she graduated in 1933; and

WHEREAS, upon her graduation, Maxine Crouch moved to Clarksville to attend Austin Peay Normal School and Teacher Institute; she began her career in education at Allardt the following year, teaching seventy-five students in primer through third grade; and

WHEREAS, she married Jesse Willard "Wid" Crouch, and the couple's blessed union produced two sons; the Crouch family spent their summers at Austin Peay College, where Maxine earned her bachelor's degree and Wid earned his master's degree; Maxine and Wid Crouch enjoyed sixty-five years of marriage before Mr. Crouch's passing; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated educator, Mrs. Crouch served with acumen and alacrity as a primary school teacher in Fentress, Polk, and Roane counties until her retirement in 1973; and

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

WHEREAS, Maxine Crouch is survived by her son Roger Keith Crouch; her daughters-in-law, Anne Crouch and Helen Taylor; her grandchildren, Keith Crouch, David Crouch, Melanie Higginbotham, Kevin Crouch, and Kenyon Crouch; her great-grandchildren, Trent Crouch, Emma Crouch, and Justin Higginbotham; her niece, Kathy Williams; and her great-nephews, Joey Williams, Jonathan Williams, and Jeff Williams; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Crouch was preceded in death by her son Billy Gene Crouch and her granddaughter Martha Crouch; and

WHEREAS, Maxine Crouch 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Edith Maxine Stockton Crouch, 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. Crouch.

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