

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 341

By Sanderson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Linda Schoolfield Elam of Kenton.

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

WHEREAS, Linda Elam 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 3, 1963, in Chicago, Illinois, Linda was the beloved daughter of John and Avonia "Doodle" Ashmore Schoolfield; and

WHEREAS, Linda Elam served with acumen and alacrity as the personal assistant to State Representative Bill Sanderson; and

WHEREAS, a faithful volunteer in her community, she volunteered at veteran events and local charities and was completely devoted to making the Kenton White Squirrel Festival a success; and

WHEREAS, Linda Elam was active in helping many local officials run for office, including Representative Sanderson, who feels her help was pivotal in securing his election; and

WHEREAS, she will be sorely missed by all who were fortunate to know and work with her; and

WHEREAS, Linda Elam was also 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 loving husband, Richard Marksberry; and

WHEREAS, Linda Elam's legacy of unconditional love and devotion will live on in those who survive her: her parents; son, John South (Meagen) Wilson; and three grandchildren, Emery Pearl Wilson, Zayden Howard, and Hadlee Duncan; and

WHEREAS, though her parting came too soon, Linda Elam filled her years with joy and compassion; she loved life and was kind to everyone she encountered; and

WHEREAS, Linda Elam 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 Linda Schoolfield Elam, 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 Linda Elam.

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