

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 374

By Shipley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jane Virginia Berninghausen Sarnoff of Kingsport.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jane Virginia Berninghausen Sarnoff; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarnoff 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, a woman of tremendous grace and integrity who embodied the best of her community, Mrs. Sarnoff was taught the value of service to others by her parents, the late Frederick W. and Lilian Knipe Berninghausen; and

WHEREAS, born February 12, 1928, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, she grew up in the Hawkeye State and graduated from the University of Iowa in 1948 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Pathology; and

WHEREAS, after marrying her beloved husband, Paul Edward Sarnoff, the couple moved to New Jersey where she became a speech pathologist at the Orange Orthopedic Hospital, and later worked for the public schools of Bernards Township; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Mrs. Sarnoff and her husband moved to Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in her community, Mrs. Sarnoff dedicated her remarkable leadership abilities to numerous civic organizations, including University Women, the NEA, and the Lord Stirling CAR of Basking Ridge, which she served as founder and senior president; and

WHEREAS, descended from Revolutionary War veterans Christian Moser, Private, Pennsylvania; Jacob Clemens, Private, Pennsylvania; and Henry Bolton, Private, Pennsylvania and Virginia; Mrs. Sarnoff held membership in the prestigious Daughters of the American Revolution; she also held membership in the Colonial Dames as a descendant of Quaker,

Abraham Op Den Graef, who was a founding father of Germantown, Pennsylvania, in 1693, and one of the four signers of America's first anti-slavery proclamation in 1688; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarnoff was an active and devout member of Fall Creek Baptist Church; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarnoff enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Paul E. Sarnoff, for over sixty-one years; and

WHEREAS, she was the proud and loving mother and mother-in-law of John and Julie Kathryn Sarnoff Hyatt, Larry and Sigrid Elaine Sarnoff Southerland, and Burton Edward and Edythe Ann Walmer Sarnoff; and

WHEREAS, she will be sorely missed by her grandchildren, Margaret Jane Sarnoff, Felicity Anne Sarnoff, and Alice Elaine Hyatt Lane; and

WHEREAS, her legacy will also be remembered by her great-grandchildren, Sylvia R. Lane and Greta B. Lane, and a host of family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her brothers David Knipe Berninghausen and William Harry Berninghausen, and her sister-in-laws, Elizabeth Berninghausen, Frances Berninghausen, and Jane Elizabeth Berninghausen; and

WHEREAS, Jane Virginia Berninghausen Sarnoff 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 human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jane Virginia Berninghausen Sarnoff, 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. Sarnoff.

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