

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 403

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mayor Darlene Monday Davis of Jamestown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mayor Darlene Monday Davis; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Davis 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 January 25, 1950, Darlene Davis was a member of the York Institute Class of 1968, where she served as a majorette; she earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a master's degree from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, a thirty-five-year veteran of the Fentress County education system, Mrs. Davis served as a secretary at Pall Mall Elementary School before receiving her undergraduate degree and beginning her career as a teacher at the school, where she taught from 1987 to 1992; the following year, she began teaching at Pine Haven Elementary School, where she taught until her retirement in 2012. She also served as the basketball coach at both schools; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Davis had a passion for her community; she was elected mayor of Jamestown in 2016 and served for many years as a member of the Fentress County Fair Board of Directors; she was also active in many community projects, including the Children's Shopping Spree; and

WHEREAS, she was an active supporter of the Fentress County Democratic Party, serving for several years as a liaison officer for State Senator and later United States Congressman Lincoln Davis; and

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Davis enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Ronnie Slaven; she was the proud mother of Teresa Smith; the devoted grandmother of Logan, Landen, Lance, and Lacey; and the treasured great-grandmother of Greyson, Waylon, Macey, Emma, and Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, she is lovingly remembered by her brothers, Hugh Monday and wife Iva, Jere Monday and wife Janice, and Hubert Monday and wife Ann; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her son, Richie Davis; her parents, John Verdon and Henrietta Glover Monday; her brothers, Dee Monday and Kenneth "Bud" Monday; her sisters, Jacqueline Monday and Winnifred Monday; and her nephew, Jeff Monday; and

WHEREAS, throughout her service as mayor, Darlene Davis distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the people of her community; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Monday Davis 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, Mayor Davis was a credit not only to Jamestown but to the entire State of Tennessee, and 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 Mayor Darlene Monday Davis, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character, her dedication as a public servant, 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 Mayor Davis.

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