

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 468

By Powell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Claudette Riley Sisk of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Claudette Riley Sisk; and

WHEREAS, Claudette Sisk was an exemplary pioneer in baton-twirling acrobatics and consummate baton instructor who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Knoxville, Mrs. Sisk possessed exceptional skills with the baton, and she won several state and regional high school championships and was awarded the title of All American Twirling Queen in 1957 and Miss Majorette of America in 1959; and

WHEREAS, her talents caught the eye of the University of Tennessee Pride of the Southland Marching Band, and she became the first majorette to receive a scholarship to the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, following her graduation, Mrs. Sisk served with acumen and alacrity as a baton instructor, conducting seminars and workshops for young girls throughout the U.S. and internationally for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, her unremitting commitment and contributions to baton twirling gained her induction into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 1980; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sisk enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of forty-seven years, T. Edward Sisk; her children, Allison Jones and Thomas Sisk; and her brother, Roger Riley; and

WHEREAS, Claudette Riley Sisk 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Claudette Riley Sisk, 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 Claudette Riley Sisk.

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