

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 545

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Juanita Shields Tate of Memphis for her contributions to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Juanita Shields Tate of Memphis, a highly respected member of her community who has dedicated herself to improving the quality of life for her fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Shields Tate is a beloved member of the Orange Mound community, having deep roots that trace back to her childhood there as she attended school at Melrose from first grade to graduation, which makes her a member of the twelve-year society; and

WHEREAS, an educator with the Shelby County school system for more than twenty-seven years, Mrs. Tate holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from LeMoyne-Owen College and a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Memphis in addition to having completed 45+ graduate hours in administration and supervision at Trevecca University; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader among her fellow educators, Juanita Tate served as a cooperating teacher for student teachers from the University of Memphis, a faculty representative, a delegate to the Tennessee Education Association, a teacher representative in Nashville, and a Grade Level chairperson; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she was named Teacher of the Year in 1988 and received the Distinguished Teacher Award from the Shelby County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong member of Mt. Pisgah, Mrs. Tate and her six siblings were all baptized there by Reverend E.F.B. Amos, and during her formative years, she served in the children's choir and as secretary of the Epworth League and Sunday School, and she regularly attended Vacation Bible School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tate has been a delegate to a number of Church conferences that have been held in and out of Tennessee and most recently has been involved with the Mass Choir and the Pisgah Performers and served as chairlady for Women's Day, chairlady and co-chairlady of the Decorating Committee, Sunday School secretary, member of the William Davis Sunday School Class, Bible Study participant, past B.R. Danner Club vice president, and member of the Higher Education Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tate is considered one of the historians for the Orange Mound community and is featured in several documentaries and a movie concerning Orange Mound; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, Juanita Tate enjoyed many years of marriage with her husband, Herbert C. Tate, Sr., until his passing, and she treasures the love and support of their four children; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Tate epitomizes the spirit and commitment to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly acknowledge and applaud Juanita Tate for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Juanita Shields Tate for her lifetime of service to her community and the State of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.