

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 547

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Erma Jean Ervin 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 Erma Jean Ervin 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, a proud member of the Melrose Golden Wildcat Class of 1956, Ms. Ervin has worked extensively with the alumni association, serving as Benevolent Chair for many years; and

WHEREAS, Jean Ervin attended Memphis Area Vocational School and became a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1965; she possessed a deep love for nursing, as it allowed her to care for others and make them feel special. After many years of compassionate service, she retired from the profession in 1996, but her care for others has continued in other ways; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong member of Mt. Pisgah C.M.E. Church, Ms. Ervin has ably served for many years as secretary of Spiritual Life and Message for the Local Missionary Society; she also enjoys singing in various gospel and mass choirs, including the UT Bowld Hospital Choir and MIFA; and

WHEREAS, in possession of a gift with words, Ms. Ervin has long penned a monthly column in the *Orange Mound Connection*, providing information regarding the important events and special happenings at Mt. Pisgah; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ervin has a heart for others; whether it be a family member, church member, longtime friend, or new acquaintance, her spirit of friendship and helpfulness brightly shines. Because of her daily walk of thoughtfulness, she is lovingly called "Ms. Hallmark" by her children; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, Jean Ervin is the proud mother of five, grandmother of eleven, and great-grandmother of twenty-five; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ervin 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 Jean Ervin 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 Erma Jean Ervin 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.