

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 754

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Debra Lynn Heard Lloyd.

WHEREAS, it was with great sorrow and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our State learned of the passing of Dr. Debra Lynn Heard Lloyd, a woman of the highest honor and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a life-long learner and educator, Dr. Debra Lloyd earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Samford University, her Master of Divinity and Doctor of Education degrees from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and continued postgraduate studies at the University of Louisville in addition to obtaining her School Counseling Certification at Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Dr. Lloyd was proclaimed a Kentucky Colonel in 1998, was named to Outstanding Young Women in America in 1984, appeared in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*, and received the Gail Hyle Award for Christian Spirit, Leadership and Example from the faculty of Samford University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lloyd was the Minister of Education and Youth at four churches where she practiced her passion for teaching young children and their families; and

WHEREAS, a seasoned educator, Dr. Debra Lloyd held many teaching positions during her lifetime, including director of First Baptist Church Preschool, site director of Even Start, school counselor at Northwest Elementary School, adjunct professor at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Carson Newman College, and child development specialist at Edgemont Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lloyd was the author of several articles published in academic journals and Southern Baptist publications and earned a research grant from the Lilly Endowment for the Union Theological Seminary in Virginia Project; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lloyd was a Cocke County Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, served on the board of directors for Cocke County Habitat for Humanity, was active in the East Tennessee *Via de Cristo* movement, and was the leader of many denominational conferences, workshops, retreats, and clinics in her community; and

WHEREAS, having served with acumen and alacrity for many years as a swim coach, first for the Bullitt County Swim Team in Shepherdsville, Kentucky, and then for the Newport Cocke County Rapids and Cocke County High School in Newport, Tennessee, Dr. Lloyd was an honored member of the Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swimming Association Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Debra Lloyd was preceded in death by her father, William Bryan Heard; brothers, Samuel Bryan Heard and Michael Alan Heard; and sisters-in-law, Carol Allen Heard and Linda Lee Lloyd; and

WHEREAS, she will be dearly missed by her husband, Richard Raymond Lloyd III; mother, Janette Welch Heard; children, Richard Raymond Lloyd IV and his wife, Claire Dorris, Kelsey Lee Lloyd, and William Jordan Lloyd; brother, Kenneth Edgar; brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard Raymond Lloyd, Jr., Gretta Virginia Johnson Lloyd, Valerie Broom Heard, and Vicky May Lloyd Redfearn; nieces and nephews, Rachel Evan Redfearn, Jacob Michael Redfearn, Joseph Evan Redfearn, Elizabeth Francis Heard Poster, Rachael Lauren Heard, Christina Marie Heard Frohman, and Amanda Michele Heard Unkefer; and grand-nephew, Bishop Heard; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years of her life, Dr. Debra Lynn Heard Lloyd demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of all who had the opportunity to know her; 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 EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Debra Lynn Heard Lloyd, 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 Dr. Lloyd.

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