

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 887

By Helton

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Alma J. Jeffries of Ooltewah.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Alma J. Jeffries; and

WHEREAS, born on February 6, 1918, to Dock Burson and Esther Edwards Johnson, Alma Jeffries 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, Mrs. Jeffries retired from the United States Geological Survey in 1976, having served with several government agencies throughout her career, including the Tennessee State Employment Office, Veterans Administration Hospital, Veterans Administration Office, the Weather Bureau, and the Cincinnati Ordinance District; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and devout member of Providence Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years, and she was an honorary member of the Crestwood Garden Club and Graceworks Church, which she attended with her daughter; and

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

WHEREAS, Alma Jeffries enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Raymond James Jeffries, until his passing in 1982; she was the proud mother of Esther Jeffries; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jeffries 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 we 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 Alma J. Jeffries, 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 Mrs. Jeffries.

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.