

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 900

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Peggy Williams Daniel of Selmer.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Peggy Williams Daniel;
and

WHEREAS, born in Humboldt to Jewel White Williams and Oscar Reggie Williams, Sr., Peggy Daniel 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, a graduate of Jackson High School, she attended the University of Tennessee at Martin and obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from Lambuth College and her Master of Education degree from Memphis State University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Daniel served with acumen and alacrity as an educator for nearly three decades, earning the respect of her peers, superiors, and students alike for the exemplary quality of her work; she taught kindergarten for nine years before serving for twenty years as the Gifted Coordinator at TACS for the McNairy County school system; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, she served on the board of a number of worthy organizations, including the Nat T. Williams Developmental Center, the Reelfoot Girl Scout Council, the McNairy County Election Commission, the Tennessee Arts Commission, the McNairy County Library Board, and the Shiloh Regional Library Board; she served as Chairman of Arts in McNairy; and

WHEREAS, generous of spirit, Peggy Daniel served as a Girl Scout leader and a Cub Scout leader, and she dedicated her time to Team Read, Arts in McNairy, the Stephen Foster Music Club, the McNairy County Young Republicans, Republican Women, and the Republican Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable lifetime, Mrs. Daniel won a number of awards, including the Selmer Jaycees Outstanding Woman of the Year, Rotary Club Citizen of the Year, and the Distinguished Service Award from the McNairy County Young Republicans, Republican Women, and Republican Party; she received the Tennessee 7th Congressional Statesman of the Year Award, which brought tremendous pride to herself, her family, and her friends; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Daniel was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years, teaching various age groups within the congregation; and

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

WHEREAS, she is survived by her daughter, Melanie Daniel (Kent) Pafford; her sons, Mike Daniel and Drew Daniel; a step-grandson, Shane Hutchens; three great-grandchildren, Joshua Hutchens, Kayla Hutchens, and Jasmine Hutchens; and a host of extended family and close friends; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Jimmy Daniel; her parents; a daughter-in-law, Molly Daniel; and a brother, Oscar Reggie Williams, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Daniel 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 Peggy Williams Daniel, 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. Daniel.

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.