

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1018

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Geneva Mashburn of Unicoi County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Geneva Mashburn; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mashburn 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. Mashburn served with acumen and alacrity for many years as a teacher, in which position she earned the respect of her peers, superiors, and students alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of the late C.W. and Nancy Howell Garland, Geneva Mashburn grew up in Unicoi County and worked her entire career within the Unicoi County School System, from which she retired in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mashburn was an active and devout member of the Shallow Ford Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years as a Ladies' Sunday School teacher and a director of the Vacation Bible School; and

WHEREAS, extremely involved in her community, Mrs. Mashburn gave of her time and talents to the Unicoi County Election Committee; the Unicoi County Republican Party, for which she stood as Secretary; the National Education Association; Blue Devil baseball, of which she was a cherished and well-known fan; and the Senior Citizens Center; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mashburn enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Edward Mashburn, and her beloved daughter, Jennifer Mashburn, both of whom preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, also preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers, Howard and Clifton Garland; three sisters, Mae Hice, Georgia Buchanan, and Elise Edwards; and a nephew, Charles Lawson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mashburn is survived by her grandsons and their spouses, Todd and Kim Edwards and Russell and Katie Edwards; her great-grandsons, Carter Edwards and Derrick Peterson; her brother, James L. Garland, and his wife, Muriel; her sister, Flora Smith; her son-in-law, Arnie Edwards; her sister-in-law, Louise Garland; and one niece, five nephews, and many great-nieces and great-nephews; and

WHEREAS, Geneva Mashburn 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 this General Assembly 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Geneva Mashburn, 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. Mashburn.

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