

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1105

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Gladys Flatt.

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Flatt was a fixture of Music City, U.S.A. who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow artists in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Sparta, Gladys Flatt, who was born on July 29, 1915, was the loving wife of bluegrass legend Lester Flatt. The two met as teenagers and were married in 1931, and it was her unwavering support and encouragement that enabled him to become one of bluegrass music's most influential musicians; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Flatt was a talented musician in her own right and played with her husband as a member of the Kentucky Pardners. Playing to adoring crowds under the name Bobbie Jean, Gladys Flatt lit up the stage each and every time she stepped into the spotlight; and

WHEREAS, together, Gladys and Lester Flatt were mentors to a number of other aspiring musicians, many of whom would become Nashville legends in their own right, including Marty Stuart, who lived with the Flatts for more than three years when he first moved from Mississippi to Nashville; and

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

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband until his passing on May 11, 1979, and was the proud mother of Brenda Flatt Green. She will also be sorely missed by her granddaughter, Tammy Brumfield, and Tammy's husband, Mike; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Flatt 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 musician and 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 Gladys Flatt, 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. Flatt.

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