

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1240

By Jernigan

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Anna J. Shepherd of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Anna J. Shepherd of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the chair of the Metro Nashville Board of Education, Anna Shepherd 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, born in Pensacola, Florida, in 1952, Anna Shepherd was born into a military family as the eldest child of a United States Air Force officer and his wife; and

WHEREAS, during Mrs. Shepherd's early years, her family moved several times before settling in Bossier City, Louisiana, where she graduated from Bossier High School in 1970, having participated in the Bearkat pep kat squad, student council, and yearbook committee; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Anna Shepherd was joined in holy matrimony with Larry Shepherd; their union was blessed with three children and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, after Mrs. Shepherd received her bachelor's degree in business from Louisiana Technological University, both she and her husband became active members of the Louisiana Jaycees at the local and state levels; and

WHEREAS, politically active, she worked in her local community assisting with the successful election campaigns of two Louisiana governors before she and her family relocated to Nashville in 1990; and

WHEREAS, in Nashville, she was very actively involved with her children's endeavors, supporting them all as they played Rotary Park Little League and girls' softball at Civitan Park; and

WHEREAS, Anna Shepherd was first elected to the Metro Nashville Board of Education in 2010, representing the Donelson, Old Hickory, and Hermitage areas, and was serving her second term as chair, having previously served as vice chair; and

WHEREAS, a fierce advocate for students, Mrs. Shepherd was a board member of the McGavock High School Cluster Coalition, a past president of the McGavock High School Band Boosters, a past PTO president at both Dodson Elementary and DuPont Tyler Middle School, and a consultant for the McGavock High School Music City Invitational marching band contest; and

WHEREAS, a resident of the Hermitage community for more than twenty years, Anna Shepherd was a board member of L'Evate (formerly Leadership Donelson Hermitage), a member of the Donelson Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, a past president of New Hope Meadows Homeowners Association, and a past president of the Donelson Hermitage Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, a recent graduate of Leadership Nashville, Mrs. Shepherd was a member of the Rotary Club and the Exchange Club and a board member of the Metro Nashville Property and Standards Appeals Board; and

WHEREAS, Anna Shepherd was a twenty-year member of Saint Stephen Catholic Community and ably served as a board member of the Parish Council, as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister, and as an active member of the Ladies of Charity; she had recently retired as the payroll manager for the Catholic Diocese of Nashville after twenty years; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, Mrs. Shepherd took great pride in the fact that her three children were all graduates of McGavock High School; and

WHEREAS, Anna Shepherd 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 the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the 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 Anna J. Shepherd, 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. Shepherd.

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.