

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1369

By Grills

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Janice Kay Staggs of Union City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Janice Kay Staggs; and

WHEREAS, Janice Kay Staggs was an exemplary individual and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on September 30, 1955, Janice Kay Staggs was the daughter and seventh child of Joel Henry Estes and Maybelle Estes; and

WHEREAS, after her graduation from Lake County High School in 1974, she married the love of her life, Ellison Dee Staggs, whom she had met in 1972 and with whom she enjoyed forty-three years of marriage until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Staggs's name was synonymous with Happy Little House Daycare for seventeen years as she helped to raise hundreds of children in the Union City community; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Jan Staggs shared her faith through song, singing with her sisters as a member of the Reelfoot Gospel Singers for more than seventeen years; she also served as the Praise and Worship Leader at New Covenant Church and Manna Ministries in Union City for four decades combined; and

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

WHEREAS, a loving family matriarch, she was the proud mother of two sons, Brian (Jamie) Staggs and Josh (Krista) Staggs, and the adoring grandmother of one granddaughter, Allison Staggs; and

WHEREAS, she will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by her sisters, Ruth Green (Bob) Pace and May (Joe) Simpson; her sister-in-law, Peggy Rodriguez; her brothers-in-

law, Elmer (Brenda) Staggs, Billy Staggs, and Bobby (Pam) Staggs; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Mary Ray, Harold Estes, Steve Estes, Larry Estes, and Barbara Walden; and

WHEREAS, Janice Kay Staggs 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 bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Janice Kay Staggs, 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. Staggs.

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.