

HOUSE RESOLUTION 6

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Judy Edene Puckett Pratt of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Judy Edene Puckett Pratt; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pratt lived a rich and full life, giving most generously of herself to her community and her family; and

WHEREAS, she helped build a thriving business, Pratt's Orchard and Garden Center, near the Tuckers Crossroads community in her chosen home of Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Williamson County and a 1960 graduate of Franklin High School, Judy Pratt moved to Lebanon in 1976 and began farming, a vocation she assumed in addition to her work as an employee of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after resigning from the State and spending time attending to her farm and family, Mrs. Pratt began working as a title searcher for a host of attorneys, notably, her then brother-in-law Bob Hamilton, who had not yet been elected to the bench; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, upon her husband's retirement from DuPont, Mrs. Pratt chose to focus all her energies on their orchards and garden center, which quickly became a flourishing concern; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pratt enjoyed the loving companionship of her devoted husband of forty-four years, Jack F. Pratt, Sr., and was the proud mother of Jack F. Pratt, Jr., and his wife Kalee; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her parents, William O. and Irene Elizabeth Kimbro Puckett, Mrs. Pratt's sisters, Billie Beerman and Connie Hamilton, survive her; and

WHEREAS, Judy Pratt leaves to those who yet remain many fond memories of a vigorous, nurturing, and compassionate soul whose time here brought joy and warmth to those who loved and cherished her; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional citizen, selfless mother, and singular human being whose recent passing has already been remarked upon and lamented by so many; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Judy Edene Puckett Pratt, 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. Puckett.

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