

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sue Morton Swann of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Sue Morton Swann; and

WHEREAS, Sue Morton Swann 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 on April 5, 1921, at 3903 Miser Station Road, Sue Morton Swann was the sixth child of Granville Andrew and Grace Talbott Morton and the grandchild of John D. and Mary Smith Morton and William Bennett and Martha Jane Wallace Talbott; and

WHEREAS, the co-valedictorian of Friendsville High School class of 1939, Mrs. Swann graduated from Knoxville Business College; and

WHEREAS, Sue Swann and her husband, Eugene Swann, were the co-owners of Cherokee Lumber Company for many years; and

WHEREAS, like all her sisters, she was also an employee of Rockford Manufacturing Company and the late Ernest Koella, Sr., for a time, and later worked in the office of Dr. Jim Proffitt from the 1970s until the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, Sue Morton Swann was an active and devout member of New Providence Presbyterian Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, a life master of duplicate bridge, Sue Morton Swann was a dedicated bridge player who developed many good friendships over the years; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Swann was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Swann; her sisters, Ruth Hall Riley, Madge Gideon, and Jean Smith; and her brothers, John Morton, Charles Morton, Joe Morton, and Glen "Bud" Morton; and

WHEREAS, she was the proud mother of State Representative Art (Janet) Swann and former mayor and current Maryville City Council member Joe (Becky) Swann; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Swann was the treasured grandmother of Tony (Angela) Ellis, Will (Emily) Swann, and Bennett Swann; and the doting great-grandmother of Preston Swann; she is also lovingly remembered by twelve nieces and nephews, including special nephew Robert Smith; and

WHEREAS, Sue Morton Swann 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sue Morton Swann, 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 Sue Morton Swann.

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