

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 60

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Trudy Suzanne Carpenter.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Trudy Carpenter; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carpenter 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, the longest-tenured employee ever to work at the East Tennessee Development District (ETDD), Trudy Carpenter devoted thirty-five years of service to this prominent institution, rising from an administrative clerk to eventually become the Director of Research; and

WHEREAS, she also served with acumen and alacrity as the Board liaison for ETDD, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, a renowned expert in demographic statistics, Ms. Carpenter published a multitude of vital statistical documents each year and masterfully maintained ETDD's status as a U.S. Census Affiliate; and

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

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her father, Andy Stafford, and her brother Ray Stafford; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carpenter was the devoted daughter of Jean Stafford, the proud mother and mother-in-law of Patrick and Leslie Garrett, and the doting grandmother of Brock and Haleigh Garrett; and

WHEREAS, she will also be sorely missed by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, who will always hold her in the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, Trudy Carpenter 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 public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Trudy Suzanne Carpenter, 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 Ms. Carpenter.

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